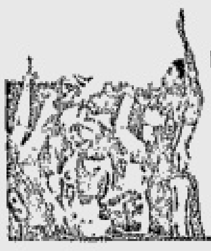

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Roco hailed as the best president RP never had

By Michael Lim Ubac, Philip C. Tubeza and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE BEST PRESIDENT the country never had, a patriot and a brilliant leader.

Crossing political lines, lawmakers yesterday showered praises on Raul Roco.

A known ally, Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando

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Zuce spoke of millions for defecting, says partner

By Maricel Casiño-Rivera and Ryan D. Rosauro
PDI Mindanao Bureau

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Opposition elements had been offering millions to former Malacañang operative Michaelangelo Zuce to defect to their side, a local political consultant

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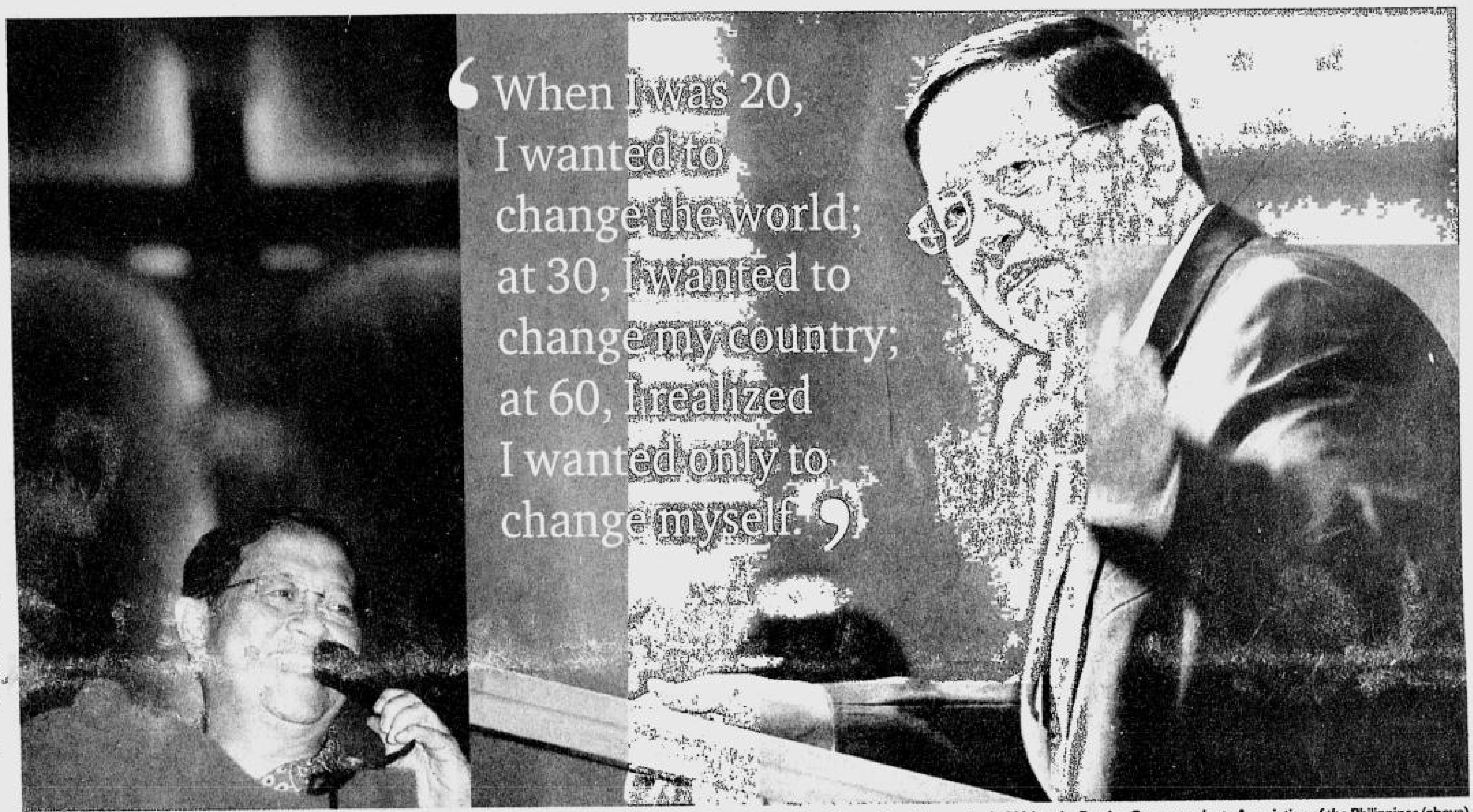
Roco succumbs to cancer



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THE BEST PRESIDENT the country never had, his throng of admirers now says of Raul S. Roco, here looking like a winner during his presidential campaign in 2004 at the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (above) and (left) at the Metropolitan Cathedral in his beloved Naga City. His remains now lie at Maria della Strada Parish chapel in Katipunan, Quezon City, and will be taken to his hometown on Monday. *(More photos inside)* PDI PHOTOS

'The grass will be greener the next day'

By Michael Lim Ubac and Blanche S. Rivera

"I WANT to be remembered as someone who planted the seeds of change," Raul Roco told the INQUIRER only last month.

He said that he did not want accolades, and that his greatest legacy would be his dream of a new Philippines devoted to the basic tenets of democracy, fair play, decency, dignity, honesty and honor in public service.

Yesterday, his eldest son Robbie Pierre said: "Let the seeds spread."

Then noting the sudden downpour, Robbie said: "The grass is greener the next day."

THE GRASS/ A4

Death overtakes man who ran on hope

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE MAN who sought the presidency last year on a platform of hope but who was forced to quit the race because of failing health died yesterday after a long bout with prostate cancer.

Raul Roco succumbed to heart failure at 9:14 a.m. at the St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City, according to his eldest son, Robbie Pierre. He died in the arms of his sister Rosario, a Catholic nun, and another son, Rex.

The former senator, congressman and education secretary would have turned 64 on Oct. 26.

Until his heart failed him, Roco had appeared vigorous, said his longtime friend Jose Cabochan, quoting family members.

Cabochan, an associate commissioner at the Bureau of Immigration who has known Roco since their law school days at San Beda College, said there had been no inkling that death would come soon.

He said a healing Mass for Roco had even been scheduled at 4 p.m. yesterday.

Roco was the first of the defeated presidential candidates of 2004 to concede to President Macapagal-Arroyo, but he was also the first to call for her resignation.

In June, as the controversies on alleged election fraud and "jueteng" payoffs were heating up, he publicly urged Ms Arroyo to resign *"por la patria* (for the country's sake)."

Roco's remains are lying in state at the Maria della Strada Parish chapel on Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City.

The remains will be taken on Monday to his hometown, Naga City, where Roco's mother Rosario, a retired public school teacher, lives to this day.

ROCO/ A4

Dy finally breaks silence but discloses nothing

By TJ Burgonio

FORMER Isabela Gov. Faustino Dy Jr. yesterday finally broke his silence but kept the public guessing on whether he could shed light on allegations President Macapagal-Arroyo cheated in last year's election.

Dy issued a carefully worded statement through his lawyer, Giorgidi Aggabao, in Los Angeles after backing out of a telephone conference call from California with Manila-based media on Thursday.

The former governor denied he had received an invitation to appear before a Senate inquiry on "jueteng," or illegal lottery.

"Should I, however, receive any such invitation, I shall act accordingly, taking into account my personal security as well as that of my family and loved ones," Dy said.

"As regards the contents of my putative testimony in connection with the 2004 elections, suffice it to say that my participation in the candidacy and campaign of President Macapagal-Arroyo cannot be disputed," he said.

"I have openly and actively campaigned for her not only in my province but in other parts of the country as well," he said.

Aggabao confirmed continuing threats on the life of the former governor "not only in the Philippines, but also in the United States," saying that the threats had been there before the May 2004 elections.

"These are credible and imminent threats," he said in TV interviews.

Michaelangelo Zuce, a former Palace operative, has executed a sworn statement saying that Dy was present during a meeting sometime in January—four months before the May 2004 election—in Ms Arroyo's house in the posh La Vista subdivision in Quezon City.

Zuce said that during the meeting Ms Arroyo appealed to regional directors and supervisors

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MAS MALAKAS ANG IYAK N'YAN PAG INALOK ULIT SA KABILA!

Caring for bawling bagman is tough

By Norman Bordadora and Christian Esguerra

TAKING care of a crying "jueteng" bagman is harder than taking care of a baby, according to Ding Santos, the Pasay City politician who took in jueteng witness Richard Garcia after he bolted the juetong whistle-blower's safe house and did an unexpected turnaround on Thursday.

CARING/ A17

Election cheating in ARMM a 'cottage industry'

By Jerry E. Esplanada

(First of three parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

AN UNDISCLOSED number of Commission on Elections personnel were involved in widespread poll fraud, including the double registration of more than 100,000 voters, in the 2004 elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Elections in the autonomous region will be held on Monday, Aug. 8.

Former Comelec Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano and other top officials of the poll body confirmed this in separate interviews with the INQUIRER (before the "Hello, Garci!" tape scandal erupted).

"It's either because of money or pressure from (some national and local) politicians," the irrepressible Garcillano told the INQUIRER matter-of-factly.

The ARMM areas are the site of poll rigging in the 2004 elections as allegedly gleaned from the bugged conversations of President Macapagal-Arroyo and Garcillano.

Both Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos and Commissioner Mehol Sadain called the ARMM a "perennial problem" of the poll body.

"About 75 percent of election-related cases come from that region," said Abalos.

Poll fraud had been rampant in the ARMM areas long before the autonomous region was formally established in 1989, Sadain pointed out.

Garcillano himself, who spent nearly 30 years of his 44-year stint with the Comelec in Mindanao, had been tagged by detractors as a *"dagdag-bawas* specialist" and "master poll fraud operator," among other names.

Garcillano brushed aside the charges as he assailed his politician-critics like opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. for allegedly blocking his appointment to the Comelec.

Garcillano described as *"grabe"* poll-related anomalies in Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao.

Aside from the two provinces, ARMM also groups the island-provinces of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

Abalos has blamed the ex-commissioner for the poll body's current woes, which he pointed out were "brought about by (Garcillano's) representations, committing the Comelec for what he apparently wants to do."

Contacted by phone, Abalos the other day said Comelec personnel "implicated in the ("Hello, Garci!") tape will not be tapped for the ARMM elections. Not because we found them guilty of anything, but we've opted to secure the services

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Visayas will have cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread over the western sections. The rest of the country will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.
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Poll officers reveal offer to testify vs GMA

By Jerome Aning

TWO municipal elections officers from Central Luzon surfaced yesterday and accused the opposition of recruiting them to testify during the impeachment trial of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Gilbert Palogan and Ferdinand Gerardo, election officers, respectively of Hagonoy, Bulacan and San Simon, Pampanga, said a certain "General Yarcia" offered them money and visas to the US in exchange for implicating the President in electoral fraud.

Both said they rejected the offer and as a result received threats to their lives and their families.

Accompanied by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation, the election officers filed separate affidavits before Comelec's legal department yesterday.

Comelec legal department head Alioden Dalaig said his office would evaluate the affidavits and bring them to the attention of the commissioners.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said that at least three election officers from Central Luzon have also sought NBI's help.

"The officers expressed concern because they have been receiving threats," Wycoco told reporters in an interview. "We still have to determine the nature of the threats and the complaints," he said.

COMELEC field officers Gilbert Palogan and Ferdinand Gerardo tell media about alleged attempts by the opposition to recruit them and make them testify in the impeachment case against the President. LYN RILLON

The NBI chief said they are willing to provide security and investigative assistance to other election officers.

Official sources said the Comelec officers come from Bulacan, Pampanga and Tarlac.

In their affidavits, Palogan and Gerardo recounted that they met Yarcia last July 21 in a Quezon City restaurant. Yarcia was accompanied by a certain Dante Tan and another military general.

Gerardo added that Yarcia introduced himself as "close friend of Sen. Panfilo Lacson." During that meeting, he also saw former Comelec Commissioner Dante Lantion who even greeted Yarcia's group.

Palogan said Yarcia told them they were compiling documentary reports to be used in the impeachment of the President and make a full footage of every interview with Comelec field officers.

He added that all testimonies to be collected would "allude and pin down" the Comelec in a conspiracy with the President to rig the results of the 2004 elections.

Gerardo said the generals informed him and Palogan that their testimonies would be "merely corroborative" since a witness would surface in due time to prove that the President really met with Comelec officials and that the latter were bribed to assure her party's victory.

Palogan, in his affidavit, concluded that the witness was no other than Michaelangelo Zuce. Gerardo said his and Palogan's testimonies were "vital" in backing Zuce's statement.

Gerardo said they were required "to assist in securing, gathering, obtaining and collating" declarations from other people who would establish the existence of fraud and other irregularities in Pampanga and elsewhere, and, if possible, implicate the President.

He added that Yarcia claimed their "covert activities" had the blessing of former Defense Secretary Renato de Villa.

Gerardo said that after he refused to cooperate, several unidentified armed men have been seen in the vicinity of his residence and office. *With a report from Margaux C. Ortiz*

GMA says 'jueteng' witness confession vindicates her

PRESIDENT Macapagal- Arroyo now feels vindicated from accusations that she and her family benefited from 'jueteng' after a potential witness in a looming impeachment case against her backed out following a tearful televised apology, her spokesperson said yesterday.

A sobbing Richard Garcia, a self-confessed bagman of the illegal numbers game, told a televised news conference on Thursday that he did not wish to testify against Ms Arroyo.

"What Garcia revealed is enough to vindicate the President and her family," Presidential Spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said in a statement.

Garcia apologized to the President and accused the opposition of putting pressure on him and other witnesses before an ongoing congressional probe into illegal gambling to try and link Ms Arroyo's family to the racket.

"The conspiracy to destabilize the presidency through the blackest propaganda has been unmasked," Bunye said.

Bunye said Garcia's apology "sends a strong message to the Filipino public not to fall prey to the smear and deception tactics of those who have no other agenda except to bring the President down."

Opposition legislators have filed an impeachment complaint seeking Ms Arroyo's removal from office for alleged vote-rigging, corruption and human rights violations, among other charges.

The impeachment complaint is 37 signatures short of the number needed in the 236-member House of Representatives to send it to the Senate for trial.

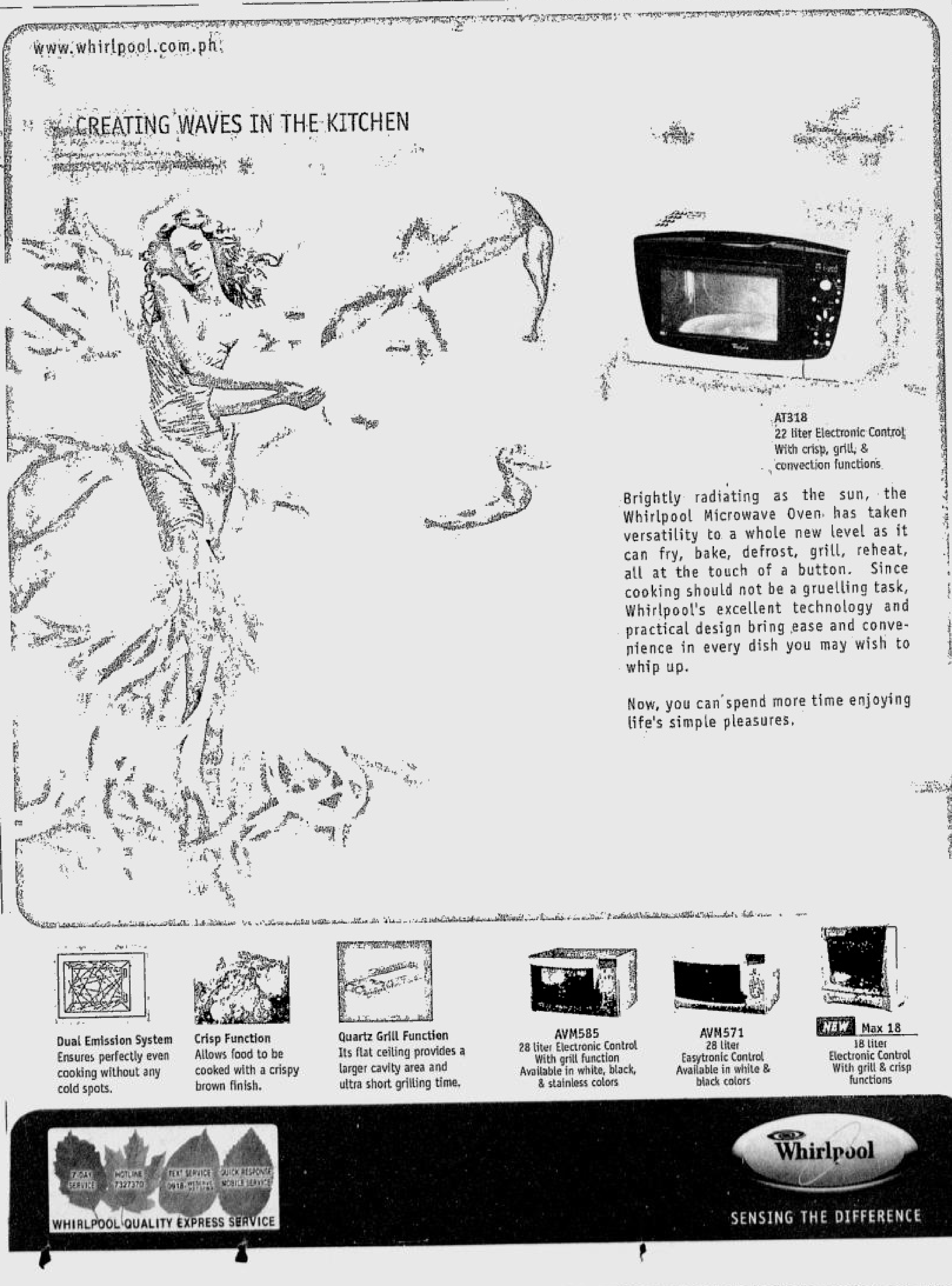
Bunye also said the Palace would no longer issue statements on the allegations made by former presidential assistant Michaelangelo Zuce that Ms Arroyo was involved in jueteng and in election fraud because the allegations have now "entered the impeachment arena."

Bunye was referring to the fact that Zuce has now become the "star witness" of the prosecution team in the impeachment complaint against President Arroyo.

Bunye said the Palace would now concentrate on its official business "rather than engage in a tit-for-tat on issues that are being investigated by a separate branch of government."

The other day, Zuce turned over his 11-page affidavit to the House prosecution team led by Rep. Ronaldo Zamora, signaling his intention to testify against the President when the House begins to act on the complaint starting Aug.10.

Bunye said Malacañang was "not bothered by adverse testimony since truth is on our side." AFP, Christine O. Avendaño



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Bishops back Cruz crusade vs 'jueteng'

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE COUNTRY'S Roman Catholic bishops are rallying behind Archbishop Oscar Cruz in the wake of what appears to be an orchestrated effort to discredit his campaign to stamp out "jueteng."

"We bishops should unite to help ensure that his crusade would remain strong," Novaliches Bishop Antonio Tobias told reporters yesterday.

Caloocan Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez said almost all of the country's 119 bishops were behind Cruz's advocacy, with at least three of them "explicitly" throwing in their support.

Tobias, one of the so-called militant-minded bishops in the country, said the Church could not leave 70-year-old Cruz alone in these tough times, supported only by opposition leaders.

Cruz, head of the Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng, was rocked by the defection of confessed former jueteng bagman Richard Garcia, one of the key witnesses Cruz had presented to the Senate investigation.

Still, Garcia's turncoatism proved that Cruz, despite maintaining a strict and exhaustive screening process for all his witnesses, could really never be sure.

It was the first time that a witness whom the bishop had already presented in public flip-flopped. At least three other witnesses had been bribed or threatened before they could surface.

Susan visits FPJ hometown

DAGUPAN CITY—Actress Susan Roces, widow of the late opposition presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr., visited yesterday San Carlos City, FPJ's hometown, to the warm welcome of Pangasinenses and the late actor's relatives.

It was a sentimental journey for Roces to Pangasinan where Poe won during the 2004 elections, edging out President Macapagal-Arroyo by more than 48,000 votes.

"I am thankful to the Pangasinenses for giving my husband a big lead in the last elections. I visited San Carlos first because it was also the first place that my husband visited when he went to Pangasinan during the campaign," Roces told about 2,000 students of the Virgen Milagrosa University in San Carlos.

Both Ms Arroyo and Poe trace their roots to Pangasinan. Ms Arroyo's mother, Eva Macaraeg, was a native of Binalonan town while Poe's father hailed from San Carlos.

Roces, during a consultation with VMU students, said this was not the time for Charter change, but for Ms Arroyo to solve the problems confronting her presidency.

At 3 p.m., Roces attended a mass officiated by Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz at the St. John's Cathedral here.

Roces was also scheduled to attend a rally at the city plaza where she was expected to thank FPJ supporters and ask Pangasinenses' support in her bid to unearth the truth about the results of the May 2004 polls. *R. Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Ramos says House should go for Cha-cha

FORMER President Fidel V. Ramos said House Speaker. Jose de Venecia should "cut off" the impeachment process once it becomes clear the opposition could not get the required 79 votes.

Ramos, a staunch ally of President Macapagal-Arroyo, said lawmakers could put their time to better use by amending the Constitution and passing legislation.

"Let (the impeachment complaint) go through, but the leadership of the House must be given the leeway to cut off the process when enough time has been given and there are not yet enough votes," he said in a chance interview in Camp Aguinaldo yesterday.

He said the process could be cut off if there are no more votes by the time the House justice committee terminates its hearings.

So far the opposition claimed it has gathered 52 signatures.

Under the rules, 1/3 of the 236 House membership is needed to impeach the President.

Ramos sidestepped questions how an aborted impeachment process could affect the political crisis.

The latest Pulse Asia survey showed majority of the population wants Ms Macapagal out of Malacañang due to allegations she cheated in the elections and her family received "jueteng" payoffs.

Ramos said the surveys were outdated.

"Let us wait for surveys that are going to be done during this period (to) give time to the communications program that is now underway," he said.

SoKor leader, Noli take same flight to Manila

VICE PRESIDENT Noli de Castro and South Korean Prime Minister Lee Hae Chan yesterday arrived in Manila on the same Philippine Airlines (PAL) flight from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The two leaders arrived on board PAL 658 at around 2:30 p.m. and proceeded to the presidential lounge of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) Centennial Terminal 2, where they had a brief chat.

De Castro said in a radio interview that he encouraged Lee to invite Koreans to invest in housing projects in the Philippines.

The Vice President concurrently heads the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC).

De Castro was in Riyadh to represent the Philippines in the burial of the late King Fahd.

Lee proceeded to Malacañang Palace to meet with President Macapagal-Arroyo.

He was scheduled to leave last night for Seoul. *Nikko Dizon*

DENR: It's final, marine park must close down now

By Blanche S. Rivera

IT'S final: The marine park must close down for now.

Top officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources yesterday asserted the agency's order to suspend the commercial operations of the Ocean Adventure marine park at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

Denying the owners' claim that the park can remain open until they secure an environmental compliance certificate, environment officials again served the cease-and-desist order to Ocean Adventure yesterday afternoon.

The DENR also asked the Subic Bay Marine Exploratorium Inc., owner and operator of the marine park, to pay the government P50,000 in penalty for operating without an ECC.

"We have to uphold the order. It is not open to interpretation. That is final and executory using the Court of Appeals decision as basis," Environmental Management Bureau director Lolibeth Medrano said in an interview yesterday.

The Court of Appeals has ruled that locators in the Subic Bay economic zone must secure an ECC from the DENR and not the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority to be able to operate.

The ruling, issued in March last year, was entered as a final and executory judgment only in May this year. The DENR was informed of the entry of judgment only last week, Medrano said.

Mike Defensor: I was in Malaysia, not California

By Nikko Dizon

HE WAS in Kuching, Malaysia, not in California.

Environment Secretary Mike Defensor yesterday laughed off rumors that he went to Los Angeles in California to seek out the now controversial former Isabela Governor Faustino Dy.

He said he attended the First Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) Ministerial Meeting on Minerals and did not meet with Dy.

"*Ninerbyos na ang* opposition (The opposition's nervous). That is why this rumor came out," a smiling Defensor told reporters upon his arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) via Malaysian Airlines MH 704 yesterday afternoon.

On Thursday, word spread that Defensor, a staunch defender of President Macapagal-Arroyo, was in the US to seek out Dy, who supposedly has firsthand knowledge of Ms Arroyo's alleged efforts to rig the 2004 presidential elections.

Defensor said many credible people can vouch that he was in Kuching from Wednesday until yesterday morning.

While he and Dy are friends, Defensor said he does not have any intention of talking to the former governor at the moment.

"I'll only go to the United States if he (Dy) invites me," Defensor said. *Nikko Dizon*

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'The grass will be greener the next day'

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In a speech, as though to mark the peaks and valleys of his political journey, Roco said: "When I was 20, I wanted to change the world. When I was 30, I wanted to change my country. When I was 40, I wanted to change my province. By the time I was 50, I was trying to change my community. But when I reached 60, I realized I needed only to change myself."

At the time of his death yesterday, he was still dedicated to changing himself, his community, his country.

With his remaining strength, Roco, who was laid low by cancer, had sought change in the government through the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"One of the burdens of leadership is that one must make the final decisions all alone and take responsibility for them," he once said.

"At some point in our lives, we are forced by circumstances to see ourselves as we really are ... It is only through a confrontation with the self that expiation is possible. We cannot keep running away from ourselves forever," he said.

Reading

While the country would not hear such words of wisdom from him again, the man left a small compilation of his thoughts and most often cited excerpts from his speeches in a booklet titled "According to Roco."

This "honorary woman" and champion of the youth provided a glimpse of his humble beginnings and grand dreams in 98 thoughts included in the compilation, which was first printed in 1997.

He recalled a strict instruction from his mother, Rosario Sagarbarria-Roco, a public school teacher, to "just read, no matter what you read" because reading would make him stand on the shoulders of giants and allow him to see more than they did.

The young Roco, whose family lived at the back of the Naga public library, heeded his mother's advice and always took out two books—one for himself and the other for her—to read at home.

And reading paid off, as illustrated by his exemplary academic background. *(See banner story.)*

"The most difficult problem of the young is that they have no one to emulate. They look to their elders and see cynicism when what they seek is hope ... They look for self-respect and self-confidence but see only learned helplessness," he said.

Learning

In another of his speeches, Roco said he was fortunate to have learned both hope and humility from his father, a farmer.

He recounted how his father, Sulpicio Roco, would say: "You could be president of the Philippines, but you cannot make the seeds grow. It is God and nature and hard work that make seeds grow ... Being humble will make you grow. It will give you good harvests."

Roco, a member of the 1971 Constitutional Convention, felt a personal attachment to the present Constitution, whose amendment is now being sought by the Arroyo administration.

This is not the first time the government had tried to initiate Charter change to pave the way for a shift to the parliamentary system. Then President Fidel Ramos pushed for such a change in 1997.

"Every time I meet somebody who wants to modify or amend the 1987 Constitution, I ask him or her: 'What is it that you cannot do within the present Constitution?' What we need is not a change in the Constitution but a change in people," Roco said.

If he had had the strength, it seems certain that he would have added his voice to the "great debate" that the Arroyo administration had called for.

Erring for action

"If I must err, I prefer to err on the side of action and decision, not on the side of inaction and indecision," Roco said in another speech.

THE SOLACE of each other's arms: Roco's widow Sonia and Raul Jr. cling to one another at the Maria della Strada chapel in Quezon City where his body lies until Sunday. ERNIE U.SARMIENTO

His faith in the Filipino people apparently never wavered, although the people's faith in him never translated into the votes that could have given him the presidency.

Still, he was convinced: "We are a people of talent. We must ensure that we remain lofty in our thoughts, idealistic in our endeavor, honest and dedicated in our efforts."

Better world

Roco's younger brother Facundo (Ding) said: "We were still young but he wanted to be president already. That's true."

He said Roco saw a better world from a distance, and "wanted always to bring us along."

"I think that we just have to be moving the country to harmony, peace and prosperity," Ding said. "That will be the fulfillment of his dreams. It's regrettable that he won't be around, but sometimes some people become more powerful in death. Hopefully, Raul will be like that."

Ding said Roco's legacy was "his leadership, sincerity and incorruptibility."

"We have a saying in the family, 'You must mean what you say and say what you mean.' We don't allow liars. You have to say it straight," Ding said, adding:

"Those days are over. He's gone. And I hope everybody will remember the good things that he had done for the country. He was more than a big brother to me, he was even a father to me.

"He wanted to be remembered as a statesman of the highest order. He wanted to help the country by providing a role model different from the leadership models that are very strong today.

"He had his own style. He was very intelligent. And he could inspire the young. He was the choice of the youth. *Sayang*, now we have to look for another one. Hopefully."

Simple joys

Roco was a man of simple joys, even though his accomplishments were far from simple.

He loved colorful floral shirts, and used to talk fondly of his pets, his farm in Antipolo, the chirping of birds, and the pili trees in his "Maugmang Lugar (happy place)."

He also dabbled in the movie industry, producing the Lino Brocka film "Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang," which won local and international acclaim.

Noteworthy record

But his political record is noteworthy.

Roco was a representative of Camarines Sur from 1987 to 1992. He was adjudged first in overall performance among legislators of the 8th Congress by the Ford Foundation and the University of the Philippines Institute of Strategic and Development Studies.

He went on to become senator. In 1992-1994, he was cited outstanding senator by the Philippine Graphic, Free Press and Pilipino Reporter. Congresspost named him "Lawmaker of the Year" in 1995. A year later, Vox Populi named him "Legislator of the Year, Senate."

Roco authored the intellectual property code, initiated the computerization program for state colleges and universities, and championed the cause of women by authoring the Anti-Sexual Harassment Law and the Anti-Rape Law.

In 2001, Roco was one of 10 senator-judges who voted to open the second envelope during President Joseph Estrada's impeachment trial.

For this, Kilosbayan gave him the Bantay Katarungan Award.

In January 2001, newly installed President Macapagal-Arroyo appointed Roco education secretary.

He managed to turn the fourth most corrupt government agency (according to the Asia Foundation-Social Weather Stations Survey of Enterprises on Public Sector Corruption) into the most trusted agency after eight months.

He also paved the way for a completely free public elementary and secondary education.

Down home

In Albay, sidewalk vendor Nilda Lopez cannot forget her encounter with Roco during the 2002 Peñafrancia Festival in Naga City.

Lopez, 54, a resident of Barangay San Jose in Malilipot town, said she became apprehensive when she saw Roco leaving his house in downtown Naga sometime in September 2002.

She and other sidewalk vendors had their footwear products displayed in front of Roco's gate.

"I thought he would scold us because we were blocking his driveway," she said.

Lopez said she became more apprehensive when she realized that the man who was about to get into his car was Roco.

But he stopped and asked her and the other vendors where they were from.

She said she was from Albay.

Then he told her: "I will just walk to the church to attend the Mass."

Lopez said that when Roco came back, he paused in front of his house and engaged her in conversation.

She said she took the opportunity to air her problem with her son Jessie, then a high school senior at the San Jose High School, who had been expelled by the school administrator because he was caught pounding a young coconut (buko) inside the classroom.

Jessie had been out of school for over two months then.

Picture

According to Lopez, Roco told her to see the principal, the late Edney Bolivar, and inform the latter that Roco had advised her to insist that Jessie be accepted back in school.

Roco even gave her his calling card and even asked her to pose for a picture with him.

After the festival, Lopez went to see Bolivar and told her of Jessie's intention to continue his studies.

Bolivar referred Lopez to Albay Schools Division Superintendent Epifanio Buela, who showed disbelief at Lopez's account.

Lopez gave Buela Roco's phone number.

The result? Jessie was allowed to continue his studies.

On Jan. 10, 2003, Lopez received through the mail a letter from Roco asking her if her problem had been solved.

He had enclosed in the letter the picture of them together.

"How happy I was when I received that picture," Lopez said.

She showed the INQUIRER the picture, with Roco wearing, not his usual floral shirt, but one colored blue.

"We were so saddened to know of his death," Lopez said. ***With reports from Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research; Job B. Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

MARCH 24,2004: On the campaign trail in Dipolog City, Roco with running mate Hermie Aquino mix it up with the boys. PDI PHOTO

OCT. 26, 2003: On his 62nd birthday, mother and son are happy to be together. His mother Rosario "Nena" Roco is now 89 years old. PDI PHOTO

Roco succumbs to cancer

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Roco's father, Sulpicio, a farmer, died in the 1970s.

Robbie said his father would be buried in Naga because "it was his wish to return to his roots."

Naga Mayor Jesse Robredo has declared an official period of mourning, and ordered that flags at all government offices in the city be flown at half-staff until the burial.

The mayor, a political ally of Roco's, said the city government was considering the Ateneo de Naga University, where Roco graduated from high school, as the venue of the wake.

The family in Barangay Sta. Cruz received word of Roco's passing at about 9:30 a.m. It was Roco's sister Josefina who broke the sad news to their 89-year-old mother.

Roco left his wife Sonia Malasarte, their six children Robbie, Raul Jr., Sophia, Sareena, Rex and Synara, and five grandchildren.

He was the second eldest of a brood of 10, which included his brothers Ramon, Sulpicio Jr. and Facundo, and his sisters Josefina, Sister Rosario, Maria Cristina, Stephany, Concepcion and Lourdes, who is deceased.

Brilliant background

A top corporate lawyer before he was elected to Congress, Roco had a brilliant academic background.

He completed grade school at 10 and high school at 14.

At 18, he graduated magna cum laude from San Beda College with a degree in English. He acquired a law degree from the same school, where he was also an Abbott Awardee for Overall Excellence.

He acquired his master's degree in comparative law from the University of Pennsylvania.

Both he and his then future wife, Sonia Malasarte of Bohol, were named two of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines in 1964.

Roco was the youngest Bicolano delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention, and the youngest president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (1983-85).

As a senator (1992-2000), he authored bills establishing the new Philippine central bank, liberalizing the local banking system, protecting intellectual property rights and creating the new securities regulation code.

He was named "honorary woman" for bills he filed supporting women's rights.

He served as Ms Arroyo's education secretary, but the two later had a falling out.

Cancer

Roco was diagnosed with cancer in the 1990s and was believed to have recovered. But the disease caught up with him last year.

When he challenged Ms Arroyo for the presidency in 2004, his illness disabled him from going on the campaign trail.

But he did not withdraw from the race, placing fourth behind Sen. Panfilo Lacson, movie idol Fernando Poe Jr., who has since died, and Ms Arroyo.

"He could have been the best president this country ever had," said Herminio Aquino, his running mate under the Alyansa ng Pag-Asa.

Roco also ran for president in 1998, placing third behind Speaker Jose de Venecia and the now detained ex-President Joseph Estrada.

In the homestretch of his second crack at the presidency last year, Roco shocked his party mates and supporters when he left for the United States on April 13 to seek treatment for a "chronic low-back pain."

On the eve of his departure, the man who called himself the "Apostle of Hope" told the nation that he had to attend to his ailment "because it could become debilitating."

"There are two things to remember: I will not die on you and I will continue fighting. And if I die, I will continue fighting with your help. The Philippines needs a choice. We will be there," he said, adding:

"Tell it to the wind, I'm not quitting."

Flying back from Houston on April 28, Roco declared that his return signaled his "unquestionable determination to right the wrong in this country."

He admitted that his prostate cancer had recurred because of the stress and fatigue brought on by the campaign.

"The cancer malignancy was removed successfully in 1996," he said, and quoted his doctors as saying that after a series of tests and preliminary treatment, he was "now unhindered in the performance of all my public functions."

"I can be treated here, and my pain can be under control," he said.

Asked if it was true that the administration was trying to bribe him to pull out of the presidential race, he said: "You cannot buy Raul Roco. No amount of money can buy Raul Roco."

Fighting

"He kept his pain to himself, but he was fighting," Robbie said. "Now, let's remember the good things about him."

Robbie said the people should "take it from there because it's no longer the leaders but the people who should realize that they have the power to change their situation."

Roco's brother Sulpicio Jr., a former representative of Camarines Sur, said they last spoke 10 days ago.

"He was OK," Sulpicio Jr. recalled. "He was very lucid but his body was weak. And we will miss him as a brother. I feel very bad. His legacy is the clean politics that he brought into the [government]. He was a straight man from start to end."

Other people spoke highly of the man.

Lilia Hernandez, *kagawad* of Barangay San Luis in Antipolo City who happened to be at St. Luke's Hospital when news of Roco's death broke, said she voted for him in 2004.

What a waste

"*Sayang* (What a waste)," Hernandez said. "The country could have depended on him because of his intelligence and good principles. If he became president, we would not have been stuck in this political crisis. The one who should lead the country must have authority to do so. Otherwise, the country will fall apart."

Hernandez said that while Roco died of cancer, "the real cancer of society is corruption which, if left to fester, will eventually kill the nation."

Said a member of the maintenance crew at Arlington Funeral Home: "The defender of the nation is gone. What will happen to the nation?" ***With reports from DJ Yap in Manila; Juan Escandor Jr., Southern Luzon Bureau; Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research***

MAD COW SCARE

RP lifts ban on import of US beef

WASHINGTON — The Philippines is lifting a mad cow-related ban on US beef, the Agriculture Department said Thursday.

The Philippines had temporarily banned US beef and beef products in June, after the United States confirmed a second case of mad cow disease in a Texas-born cow.

The Philippines will resume shipments of US beef from cattle younger than 30 months of age.

The age restriction resulted from the December 2003 discovery of the first US case of mad cow disease in Washington state in a cow imported from Canada. Younger animals are believed to present less of a risk because infection spreads with age.

"This is another step forward in our efforts to reopen global markets for US beef," Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said in a statement.

The Agriculture Department expects the Philippines market to be worth $2.5 million this year. In 2003, the US sold beef worth $4.9 million to the Philippines.

In contrast, Japan, formerly the biggest US beef customer, purchased $1.5 billion in US beef in 2003. Despite agreeing to lift its ban last fall, Japan still has not done so.

Mad cow disease is the common term for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. Eating contaminated tissue has been linked to the deaths of more than 150 people, mostly in Britain, from a degenerative, fatal brain disorder known as variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

AP

Reyes back from US; no, he didn't see Dy

INTERIOR Secretary Angelo Reyes arrived yesterday from a one-week stay in Los Angeles but a spokesperson denied that he met with former Isabela Gov. Faustino Dy Jr. who was also in the same US city.

DILG Undersecretary Melcor Rosales told the INQUIRER that Reyes addressed a gathering of Filipino-Americans in southern California.

He also met with another group of Filipino-Americans from Pampanga to thank them for supporting Filipino policemen who are undergoing training in the US and for their donations to the Philippine military and the police.

"No, he didn't meet with Governor Dy," Rosales said with a chuckle.

Dy is being eyed by the opposition to stand as witness against President Macapagal-Arroyo in connection with the alleged bribery of election officials in her La Vista residence.

Norman Bordadora

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, August 6, 2005
Transfiguration of Our Lord

1st Reading: Dan 7:9-10,13-14
2nd Reading: 2 P 1:16-19
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. Jesus' appearance was changed before them: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became bright as light. Just then Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

Peter spoke and said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. If you so wish, I will make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Peter was still speaking when a bright cloud covered them in its shadow, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, my Chosen One. Listen to him."

On hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground, full of fear. But Jesus came, touched them and said, "Stand up, do not be afraid." When they raised their eyes, they no longer saw anyone except Jesus. And as they came down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had just seen, until the Son of Man be raised from the dead.

Commentary

Six days later—the seventh day, after the call to the cross, Jesus takes his three closest friends up a mountain to pray and they are given a glimpse of the glory of God shining through him. He is transfigured: trans—across or through. Figure—the human body. The transfiguration is seeing through the body of Jesus or passing through and going across the body of Jesus into the presence of the living God. They see Moses and Elijah and think of Jesus in terms of great men of their tradition: lawgivers, liberators and prophets and are not listening to him and his words in their fear and so the Father commands them: LISTEN TO HIM, not to anyone else. There is no one else but Jesus. Who do we listen to—our own fears and insecurities, lost hopes, governments, groups, friends who do us harm, the societies of the world? We are to listen only to Jesus: to the Word of the Scriptures, to the poor, to the prophets. To listen means to obey. Do we?

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1) My GENERAL commitment, GOOD GOVERNANCE. My Philosophy of Governance is published in my website www.paglasforarmmgov.com
   - ***To the multisectoral group of stakeholders*** who published their Appeal (Inquirer July 23,2005), I pledge to deliver the reform you asked for.
   - ***To COMMA***, your Manifesto On Election and Governance (Inquirer August 1, 2005) will be part of my governance, and yes, I take as personal Guidance the Instruction from the **Fourth Caliph Ali Ibn Abu Talib** as mentioned therein;
2) My SPECIFIC commitments during the FIRST 6 MONTHS of office:
   - Settle the approx ***P1.2 Billion receivables*** of the Teachers in ARMM for their salaries, allowances, and GSIS contributions;
   - Finalize my Special Program to deliver a minimum of P1.0 million worth of projects to each and every barangay in ARMM, for livelihood, health, education, and other basic needs

I declare the foregoing, in the name of my departed elders, and I make mention of my dear uncle the late Salamat Hashim, former Chairman of the MILF who had been my mentor and inspiration in reforming the town of Datu Paglas. I also declare the foregoing, before the many stakeholders to peace and economic development in ARMM, both local and around the world.

Allahu-Akbar, God is Great
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SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
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THE PHILIPPINE government yesterday said it was open to resuming talks with communist rebels despite their announcement they would rather wait for a successor to President Macapagal-Arroyo before returning to the negotiating table.

The Marxist umbrella, National Democratic Front, earlier said it was "postponing" the talks until a new government takes over from Arroyo, who is facing impeachment over allegations of vote-rigging, corruption, bribery and other crimes.

Safety passes revoked

The government responded by revoking immunity for 97 rebel negotiators and their staff. Some of those participating in the talks are senior officers of the underground Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the New People's Army.

"We are more than open. After all, there is no substitute to peace and dialogue," said Rene Sarmiento, presidential adviser on the peace process.

He said "if there is a gesture of openness and willingness" on the part of the rebels to resume the talks, the government will reinstate the immunity guarantees.

Chief rebel negotiator Luis Jalandoni, who lives in self-exile in the Netherlands, denounced the suspension of the 1995 Joint Agreement on Security and Immunity Guarantees, insisting the rebels did not abandon the talks.

'Dying Arroyo regime'

In a statement, the NDF said the "postponement of the formal talks with the Arroyo administration does not terminate the peace negotiations."

It said that the Front distinguishes between "the dying Arroyo regime" and "the government of the Republic of the Philippines with which (it) has negotiated 12 agreements since 1992."

The talks had been stalled since last August after the rebels accused the government of refusing to lobby for their removal from US and European terrorist lists.

Sarmiento said Manila "cannot intervene" in decisions of sovereign states.

"We said, 'For that to be lifted, return to the peace negotiations, and if we can show to them that you are sincere in peace negotiations, definitely that terrorist listing will be lifted,'" he said.

Negotiators were still hopeful of a resumption of the talks, which seek to end the 35-year-old communist insurgency, Southeast Asia's longest-running rebellion.

"As peace negotiators, we are eternal optimists," Sarmiento said.

He expressed hope that the Norwegian government, which is brokering the talks, "will urge the parties to go back to the negotiating table." *AP*

Motorists told: Brace for more oil price hikes

By Abigail L. Ho

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday told motorists to expect more gasoline price increases in the coming weeks as world prices for the product continue to soar.

Energy Undersecretary Peter Anthony Abaya said that since May, the international price of unleaded gasoline has gone up by 25 percent, or $13.47 a barrel. This translates to an equivalent local pump price increase of P5.66 a liter.

Since May, however, oil firms have jacked up gasoline prices by only around P3 a liter, giving them reason to increase prices in the coming weeks.

For diesel, Abaya said the world price increase jumped by only 9 percent, or $5.92 a barrel. This should translate to a local pump price increase of P3.04 a liter, which is already reflected in the current pump retail prices.

According to data from the Department of Energy, the regional benchmark Dubai crude soared to $54.74 in the first four days of August, almost $2 higher than the July average of $52.83 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products rose to an Aug. 1-4 average of $67.32 a barrel from $64.70 a barrel last month.

MOPS-based diesel, however, dropped to an August average of $68.28 a barrel from the July average of $71.38 a barrel.

US deports 90 Filipino 'convicts'

By Margaux C. Ortiz

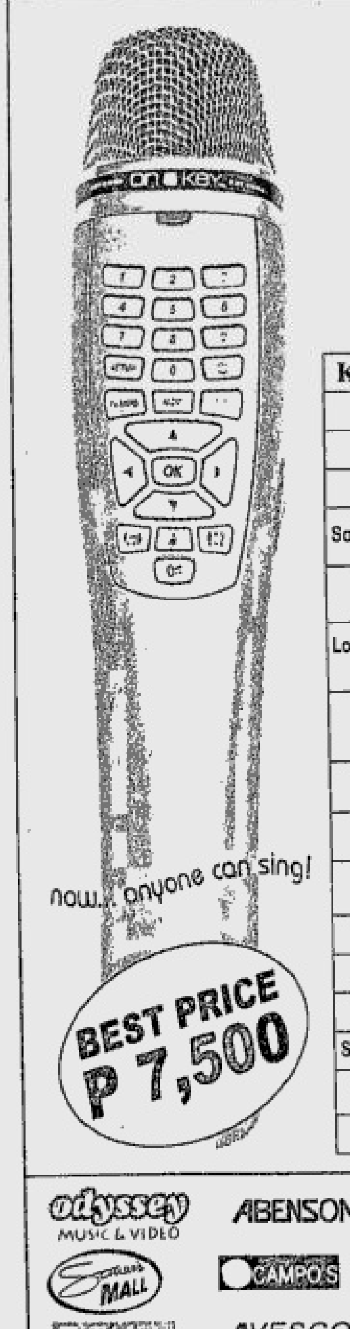
AROUND 90 Filipinos, most of whom were convicted of various crimes in the United States, arrived yesterday at the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in Pampanga, according to National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Interpol chief Ricardo Diaz.

"Majority of those who arrived have already served their sentences abroad," Diaz said, adding that some were deported for overstaying in the US.

Special Investigator Limuel Loyola said most of the deportees were drug and sex offenders.

"Four out of 10 faced drug charges in the US," Loyola said, adding that majority of the deportees had come from Hawaii and Los Angeles with ages ranging from 22 to 35.

Loyola said the oldest deportee was 73-year-old Armando Amores, a native of Cebu City, who was found guilty of a sex offense.



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5	Laoag GID, Ilocos Norte	214.0	9,000	5	2,000	194,490.00
6	Dingras GID, Ilocos Norte	242.0	2,000	2	800	48,880.00
7	Bantay GID, Ilocos Sur	130.5	4,500	2	800	65,205.00
8	Tagudin FLGC, Ilocos Sur	44.3	2,000	2	800	11,380.00
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11	Sta. Maria Warehouse, Ilocos Sur	91.7	1,500	2	800	16,095.00
12	Binalonan Triplex, Eastern Pangasinan	82.0	20,000	3	1,200	191,800.00
13	Rosales I	110.0	20,000	3	1,200	244,200.00
14	Alaminos GID, Western Pangasinan	132.0	15,000	3	1,200	219,750.00
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The Schedule of Bidding activities are as follows:

Activity	Date
1. Issuance of Application and List of Eligibility Requirements, Bidding Documents	August 3-17, 2005 (8:00 AM-5:00 PM)
2. Pre-Bidding Conference	August 18, 2005 (3:00 PM.)
3. Deadline for the Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals (Opening of Bids will follow immediately)	August 30, 2005 (3:00 PM)

The application forms, eligibility requirements and other bid documents shall be obtained from the RBAC Secretariat after payment of a non-refundable bidding fee in the amount of P2,500.00

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A single stage bidding will be adopted using a simple pass/fail criteria for the evaluation. The prospective bidders shall submit simultaneously two (2) envelopes, Envelope A containing the eligibility requirements and Envelope B containing bidding documents. Contents of each of the bid envelopes are specified in the Instruction to Bidders.

Eligibility criteria includes among others that the value of the prospective bidder's largest single contract within the last three (3) years, adjusted to current prices, completed within the period and similar to the contract to be bid must at least be 50% of the approved budget for the contract to be bid

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(PDI - Aug. 6 & 10, 2005)

DEC. 11, 2004: A recovering Roco attends the annual commemoration of the victims of martial law enshrined at the Bantayog ng mga Bayani memorial in Quezon City. It is said to be his last public appearance. JOE GALVEZ/CONTRIBUTOR

Roco hailed . . .

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Andaya Jr., said that if history would later view Roco as the "best president this country never had, no one will contest such a judgment."

He said Roco had set "the template on excellence and ethics in public service such that future aspirants for the presidency must demonstrate proof that they are as good as him."

President Macapagal-Arroyo, however, did not see it fit to personally issue a statement on the death of one of her rivals for the presidency last year, perhaps because a few weeks before his death, Roco had joined the clamor for the President to resign and even called for snap elections to solve the political crisis.

Instead, Ms Arroyo yesterday ordered Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye to issue Malacañang's message on Roco's passing: "We mourn the death of Sen. Raul Roco, the true patriot and freedom fighter. He was an exemplary lawyer, legislator and leader who inspired many with not just his words but with his actions. His passing is a great loss for our nation."

Vice President Noli de Castro, who returned to the country yesterday from Saudi Arabia where he represented the country in the burial of King Fahd, paid tribute to Roco as "one of the country's ace legislators. He consistently strived to provide meaningful and beneficial laws."

Former President Corazon Aquino yesterday extended her condolences to Roco's widow and children. "I can imagine the pain they are feeling now. I would also like to thank Raul for all he had done for the country," Aquino said.

Special place in history

Former President Fidel Ramos said Roco created for himself "a special place in Philippine history ... He was a brilliant lawyer as well as an outstanding senator ... I deeply regret his passing. I condole with the family," Ramos said.

Senate President Franklin Drilon, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Sen. Joker Arroyo, Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan and Sen. Manuel Villar mourned Roco's passing and expressed condolences to his family.

"Raul is a big loss to the country. He was not afraid to take unpopular stands, and for what he believed was right. He was not afraid to swim against the tide. And for that, Raul had a good life," Drilon said.

"Raul Roco was a conscientious lawmaker. He was passionate in his views. We will miss his trenchant mind," Pimentel said.

"Raul Roco, a giant of a leader, could but did not become President," Joker Arroyo said. "He left a very successful law practice and entered public service because he believed and rightly so, that for one to get his ideas on governance implemented, he must be an effective leader by being democratically and honestly elected to high public office ... He sought to combine his idealism with politics, a difficult combination, compromise being the hallmark of politics. He was uncompromising in his resistance to separate the two. That was his virtue as a true leader, his failing as a politician," Arroyo said of his "town mate and street mate."

"Raul's brand of leadership is just among the many legacies that he left behind. As a candidate in the last presidential election, he was the first to concede defeat—a mark of a true gentleman and statesman," Villar said.

Pangilinan said Roco remained a pillar of courage and strength as he fought his battle with cancer. "He is irreplaceable as he was sincere and earnest public servant who loved the Filipino especially his home, Bicol. My prayers and thoughts are with his family as we pray for his eternal repose," he said.

Opposition Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson, a rival of Roco in last year's elections, praised the former senator for showing the same level of dedication in every government post he held.

At the Senate, Roco was credited with authorizing major pieces of legislation, mainly the Central Bank Act, which introduced reforms in the central banking system; and earned the moniker "honorary woman" for his pro-women bills.

He also authored the Women in Nation Building Law, the Nursing Act, the Anti-Sexual Harassment Law, the Anti-Rape Law and the Child and Family Courts Act, among others.

Fellow presidential candidate Bro. Eddie Villanueva of Bangon Pilipinas said Roco attempted to rekindle hope in this country and bring reform to the government.

"It's equally saddening that he died at the dawn of truth, when all the lies and fraud committed against the Filipino people in last year's elections where he ran as President are being exposed," said Villanueva, spiritual leader of Jesus Is Lord Fellowship.

Few good men

Speaker Jose de Venecia said the country mourned the passing of a former colleague in the House of Representatives who was a "brilliant lawmaker and a former presidential contender who took pride in his work in advancing the rights of Filipino women and children."

Bayan Muna Rep. Teodoro Casiño said Roco was "probably the most qualified President the country never had."

His presence had been and would be sorely missed in these trying times, said Casiño.

House Majority Floor Leader Prospero Nograles said Roco was one of the "few good men" in Philippine politics who inspired the country's youth, noting that he was a bar topnotcher and human rights lawyer.

Intellectual giant

"Senator Roco has left a legacy of kindling the fire of political idealism and activism among our youth and our women who idolize him for setting the right standard for good governance," Nograles said.

Albay Rep. Joey Salceda remembered Roco as a "good boss and very generous to his staff ... The country just lost an intellectual giant whose voice could have helped clarify the current anguish of our troubled national conscience. I was fortunate to have walked with one gentle giant in a landscape scattered with the debris of broken political hubris," he said.

Salceda raved about his unique ability among politicians to reduce complex issues into easily digestible ideas to help the public's understanding and ease the passage of bills; his unimpeachable decency and impeccable diligence in public service.

Department of Education Undersecretary for Programs and Projects Fe Hidalgo, who served under Roco, said the former senator was a "creative leader."

"He was a brilliant man with a good heart for the less fortunate. Despite his short tenure as Education Secretary, he was able to accomplish much, particularly in relation to the process of implementing changes which he had many creative solutions," Hidalgo reminisced.

DepEd Information Office chief Demy Manuel said Roco was a "strong and effective leader . . . He has proven this with his automated machine project. This led to the regionalization of the payroll system," she added. *With reports from Cynthia D. Balana, Dona Pazzibugan, Juliet Labog-Javellana, TJ Burgonio and Alcuin Papa*

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Al-Qaida warns Britain, US of more attacks

DUBAI—Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's right-hand man Ayman al-Zawahiri warned Britain and the United States of more horror and destruction in a new videotape shown on Al-Jazeera television Thursday.

Zawahiri said the two Western allies risked losing thousands of lives if they did not pull out of Iraq and end the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land.

"These policies (of British Prime Minister Tony Blair) will bring them more destruction after the explosions of London," Zawahiri said.

His statement came as thousands of police mounted a huge operation to protect the British capital, exactly four weeks after suicide bombers brought carnage to the city, killing 52 people.

Zawahiri, who appeared in the footage to be sitting outdoors with an assault rifle at his side, warned the United States that it risked horrors worse than those of the Vietnam war if it persisted with its policies.

Dressed in a white robe and a black turban from which a long scarf descended onto his shoulder, in the style of traditional Muslim leaders, Zawahiri pointed his figure at the lens repeatedly as he piled threat on threat.

"You people of the crusader alliance, we proposed to you to at least refrain from harming Muslims. The lion of Islam, Osama bin Laden, also offered you a truce to leave the lands of Islam," he said.

"Did he (bin Laden) not tell you that you will not know security before we live it in Palestine and before you withdraw (your) infidel troops?" he asked.

"But you ran rivers of blood in our countries, so we let loose volcanos of wrath in yours.

"The truth that (President George W.) Bush... hides from you is that there is no exit from Iraq except through immediate withdrawal. Any delay will mean only more dead and wounded.

"If you do not leave today, you will inevitably leave tomorrow, but only after (you suffer losses) of tens of thousands of dead and many more injured."

In Britain's worst ever attack on July 7, four suicide bombers blew themselves up on three Underground trains and a double-decker bus in London, killing 52 people and wounding hundreds more.

Four more would-be bombers launched copycat attacks a fortnight later but their bombs failed to go off and all were later arrested.

Zawahiri also took aim at Western allies, Egypt and Pakistan.

He accused the Egyptian security services of "defending US and Israeli interests" after a trio of bombings which killed at least 67 people, including 16 foreigners, in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on July 23.

He slammed Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf as a "bribe-taker," and accused Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas of being a "heathen who has sold out his religion and goes from failure to failure."

Washington says the Egyptian-born Zawahiri is al-Qaida's main strategist and ideologist and has placed a $25-million bounty on his head.

AFP

Bush dismisses latest al-Qaida threat

BUSH

CRAWFORD, Texas—President George W. Bush said on Thursday the United States would stand its ground in Iraq despite a new videotape threatening attacks from al-Qaida's second-in-command Ayman al-Zawahiri whose ideology he dismissed as "dark, dim, backwards."

At a joint news conference with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe at Bush's ranch, the president said Zawahiri's videotape, which threatened attacks on the United States and Britain, made clear that Iraq is part of the war on terrorism.

"He's saying, you know, leave ... as I have told the American people, the people like Zawahiri have an ideology that is dark, dim, backwards," Bush said. "He's threatening. They have come up against a nation that will defend itself." He added: "We will stay the course, we will complete the job in Iraq."

US officials were working to authenticate the videotape as that of the al-Qaida deputy to Osama bin Laden but they were assuming it was him.

The mounting US toll in Iraq and deadly attacks in the last few days have again raised questions on whether Washington has underestimated the strength of the Iraqi insurgency.

Twenty-eight American soldiers have been killed in the past four days, many of them US Marines from an Ohio-based Marine Reserve unit near Cleveland.

"The people of Brook Park (Ohio) and the family members of those who lost their life, I hope they can take comfort in the fact that millions of their fellow citizens pray for them. I hope they also take comfort in the understanding that the sacrifice was made in a noble cause," Bush said.

A CBS News poll on Wednesday said 55 percent of Americans did not approve of the way Bush was handling the Iraq war, compared to 41 percent who approved.

Forty-six percent of Americans believed Bush should decrease the number of US troops there, and 59 percent said the war has not been worth the cost in lives and money.

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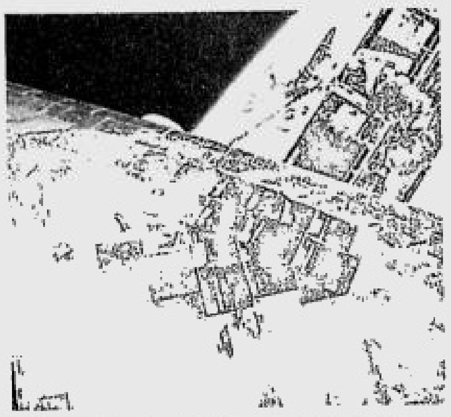
Nasa clears Discovery shuttle for Earth landing



A CLOSE-UP view of a portion of the thermal protection tiles on space shuttle Discovery. REUTERS

CAPE CANAVERAL—Nasa on Thursday said the Discovery shuttle was safe to return to Earth after the US space agency decided not to order a new space walk for another repair.

Nasa had considered an additional spacewalk to repair parts of a thermal blanket that was torn near the cockpit window.

But the agency decided that the loose fibers do not pose a threat to the shuttle when it reenters the atmosphere early Monday.

"Our indications are that nothing will come off or if it does, it would be very small. This little blanket turned out to be a huge effort. We believe the risk is remote, small. The remedy would be worse. We have cleared Discovery to reenter," said Wayne Hale, deputy shuttle program manager.

With the astronauts returning in a few days, President George W. Bush said the United States would pursue space exploration, including a return to the Moon and eventually a manned mission to Mars.

"It is important for our fellow citizens to understand that we're going to take the Nasa mission beyond the current mission," Bush said, reiterating that the current shuttle fleet would retire in 2010 and be replaced with a new vehicle.

"The people I've talked to inside Nasa are excited about the mission, the reinvigoration of the vision of exploration," he said from his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

The Discovery astronauts meantime continued to move provisions into the International Space Station before the shuttle undocks Saturday for its return to Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The seven crew are aiming to leave the ISS with the greatest possible load of reserve supplies as no new shuttle mission is likely for months. They also were clearing out garbage and excess equipment to free up tightly limited space.

Discovery is the first shuttle to dock at the ISS since the 2003 Columbia disaster.

But Nasa has warned it is not going to run new shuttle missions until it had solved the problem with foam insulation which tore off the fuel tank on launch July 26. The same kind of damage spelled death for Columbia's crew of seven in February 2003.

Bits of insulation striking Discovery on launch punctured a thermal blanket beneath the cockpit window. But Nasa decided the repair was not needed.

AFP

Authorities probe Air France crash

TORONTO—An Air France jet that crashed at a Toronto airport was working normally as it arrived, Canadian investigators said Thursday, but a dispute erupted over who approved the landing during a storm.

Canadian authorities and Air France sought to deflect responsibility on who approved the landing while Toronto Pearson International Airport was on "red alert" because of a lightning storm.

The Airbus A340 jet hurtled off the runway and ended up in a gully in flames. But all of the 297 passengers and 12 crew survived in what Canada's Transport Minister Jean Lapierre said was a "miracle."

Crash investigators have found the so-called black box flight recorders and are studying the information. They said the jet appeared headed for a safe landing before it skidded off the end of the runway.

"The initial landing appeared very normal," said Real Levasseur, lead investigator for the Canadian transportation safety agency.

"There was no emergency declared from the part of the air crew and there didn't seem to be anything wrong with the aircraft condition and its safety as it was approaching to land."

At least three of four engine thrust reversers deployed during landing, which means "the crew were doing what they were supposed to do to slow the aircraft down after landing." The fourth thruster was too badly damaged to tell whether it had been working, Levasseur said.

AFP

Japan PM faces crucial postal vote

TOKYO—A political showdown that could determine the fate of the government of Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has been set for Monday when parliament's upper house will vote on bills to privatize Japan's vast postal system.

Koizumi has said rejection of the six bills, opposed by many in his own Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), would be tantamount to a vote of no-confidence, a tacit threat to call an election.

The make-or-break vote will be held during a session of the upper house starting at 0400 GMT a parliamentary source said on Friday.

Concerns about political instability if the bills fail have put financial markets on edge. The yen weakened on Friday and the stock marke dropped, having lost more than 2 percent from highs hit two days before with traders mostly blaming the bills issue.

"If it doesn't get through, that means there would likely be a backtracking on reform in Japan as a whole," said Charles Lambert, vice president of equity sales at JP Morgan Securities.

"Second is the resulting political chaos," he said, noting worries that the fallout could include a breakup of the LDP.

"That means uncertainty—you don't know what combination of groups might get together to form a government."

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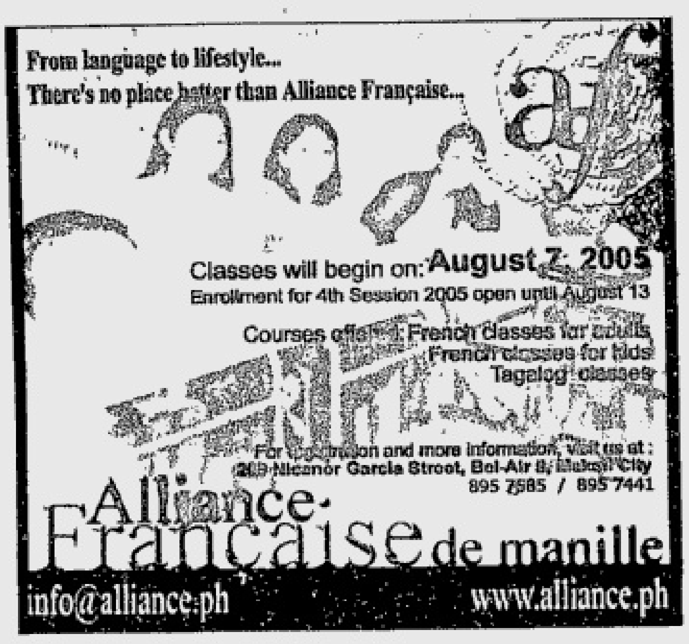

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N. Korea nuclear talks deadlocked

BEIJING—Talks on North Korean nuclear disarmament were deadlocked Thursday when the Stalinist state refused to give up nuclear programs for peaceful purposes—the key stumbling block in negotiations.

In rare comments to reporters, Pyongyang's chief delegate Kim Kye-gwan insisted his country had the right to "peaceful nuclear activities." Kim blamed US disagreement for the "major difficulties" in the talks.

"We are here to be committed to the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula. However, we want to reserve the right for the peaceful nuclear activities," Kim told reporters following a late-night session.

"All nations in the world have the right for the peaceful nuclear activities." Other parties to the negotiations have said disagreement over whether Pyongyang should give up all its nuclear programs, or just its nuclear weapons programs, have stalled talks.

Kim said the United States was the only country opposed to its use of nuclear energy for civilian purposes, such as nuclear power plants.

The US State Department said last week any nuclear program can be turned into a nuclear weapons project by North Korea.

Japan has also stated it was against Pyongyang's operating nuclear programs even for civilian use but China and Russia have said previously they did not object.

Ahead of their 11th day Friday, the talks hit another hurdle—differences between the North and the US on what steps each side should take to achieve a nuclear weapons free North Korea, Kim and others said.

In exchange for dismantlement the impoverished North has demanded normalization of ties with the United States, as well as economic assistance including fuel oil aid, and non-aggression guarantees, the United States has persistently demanded that the North give up its weapons programs before it gets aid and energy.

US chief delegate Christopher Hill indicated Thursday the US wanted detailed commitments from the North.

"They have got to make real decisions. We need to have a situation where we know precisely what they have agreed to do, what they have agreed to abandon," Hill told reporters.

"We cannot have a situation where the DRPK pretends to abandon its nuclear programs and we pretend to believe them," he said referring to the North by its official name the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea.

"They know exactly what the situation is. We need clarity from them on these principles. That is so necessary." Despite the lack of an agreement all sides in the talks, which also include China, Japan, South Korea and Russia, want to keep the negotiations going, Hill and others said.

"We are very much getting to the end game. We really have the desire to see if we reach an agreement," Hill said. "I suspect we are really getting to the last couple of days of this." Host China, whose role as mediator would be jeopardized if talks failed, appeared to try to lower expectations, suggesting a widely-expected joint statement would not materialize.

The statement is believed to outline how Pyongyang would dump its atomic arsenal and what it would get in return. *AFP*

JAPANESE girls offer flowers at the A-bomb memorial mound, where the remains of some 70,000 unidentified A-bomb victims are laid to rest, in Hiroshima. REUTERS

60 years later, children learn horror of A-bomb

HIROSHIMA—Sixty years after the first atomic bombing in Hiroshima, survivors on Friday described the grisly reality to children as part of a campaign to let the next generation know the horror of nuclear war.

Hiroko Hatakeyama, who was a six-year-old girl when the world entered the nuclear age, told a group of 100 children from around Japan not to believe any sanitized version of Aug. 6, 1945.

"After the war I tried to avoid recalling the memory of the atomic bomb because it was so heart-wrenching. I have never been to see films on the atomic bombs and I long avoided visiting the Peace Memorial Museum in Hiroshima," she told the children in a 60th anniversary event.

"But once I visited the museum I got mad. The reality wasn't as clean as it showed," said the soft-spoken 66-year-old, suddenly raising her voice.

"The museum didn't have the smell of rotting human bodies, it didn't have the maggots, it didn't have the groans of pain," she said.

Hatakeyama was one of a number of Hiroshima survivors who met with children across the city on Friday.

She told the children she was in a suburb of Hiroshima when the US dropped the bomb, setting off a storm of dirt that blew into her mouth.

She escaped into a nearby elementary school and saw people running around in panic, many of them bleeding and some of them collapsing one by one onto the ground.

"It is something that is so hard to imagine. I will keep telling my experience, but I'm not sure if can live for another 10 years," Hatakeyama said. "Please, please appeal to the world to abolish nuclear weapons." *AFP*

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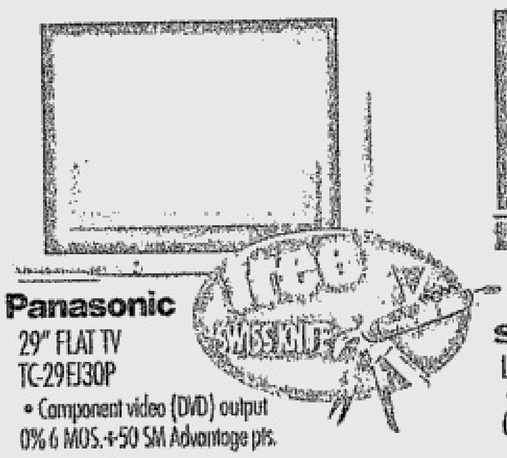

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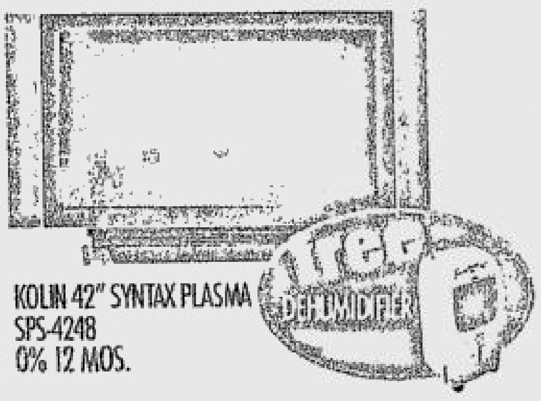

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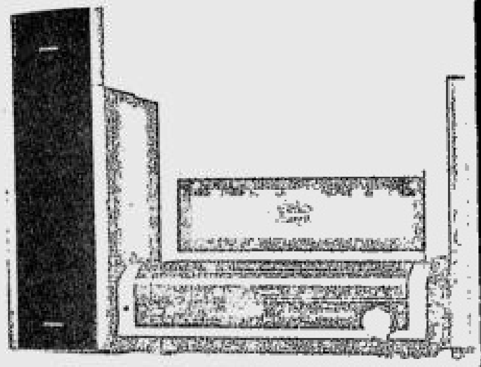

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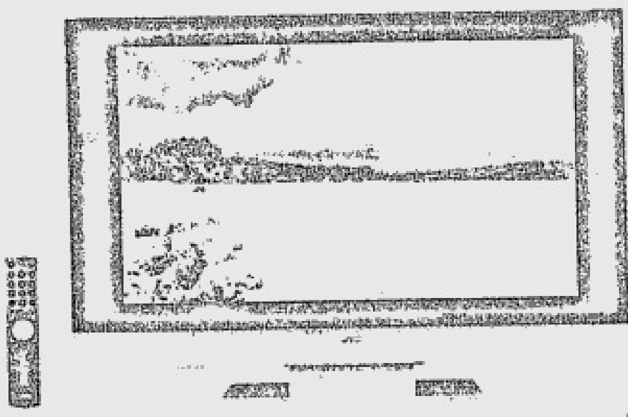

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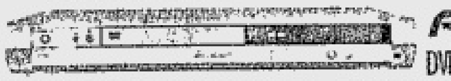

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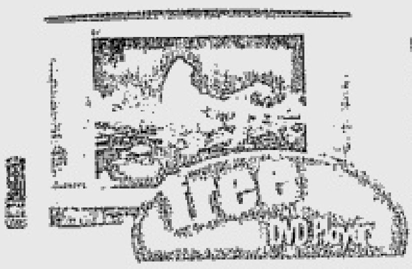

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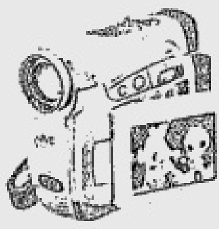

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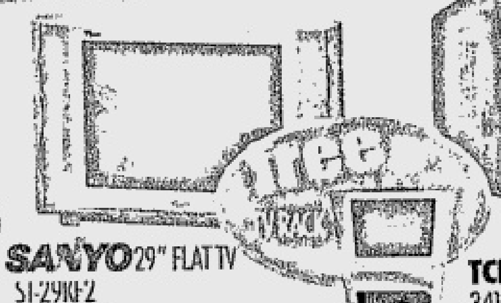

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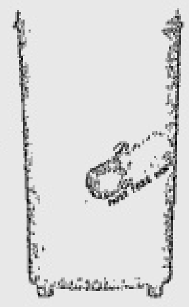

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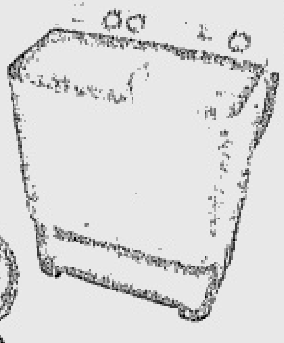

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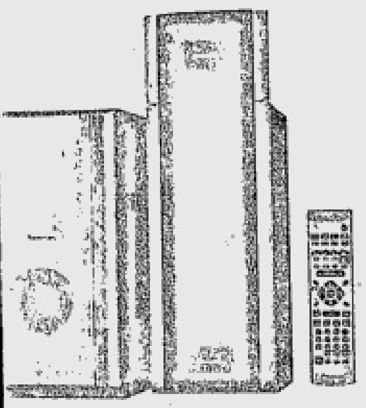

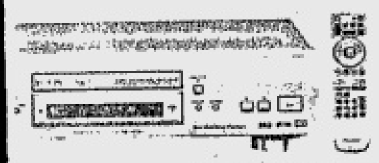

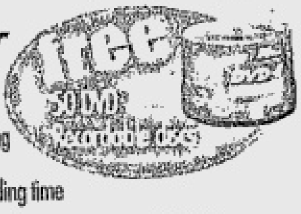

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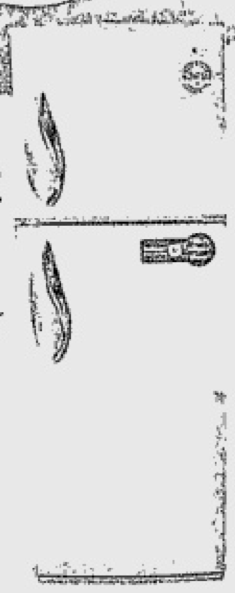

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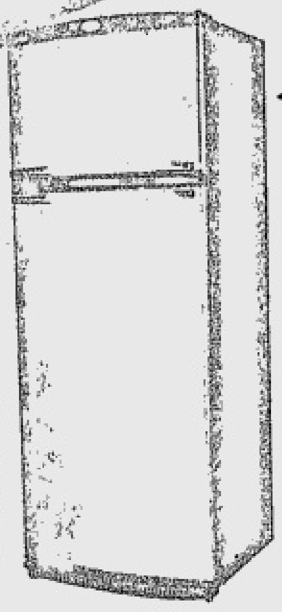

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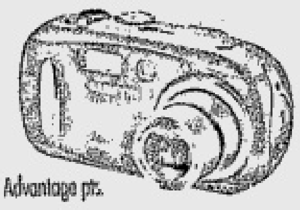

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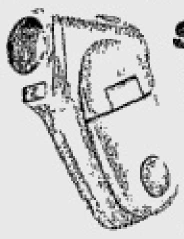

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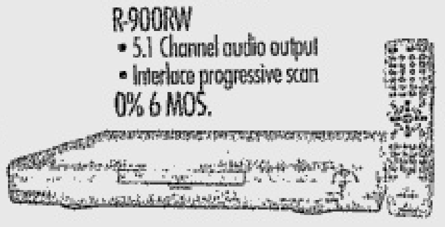

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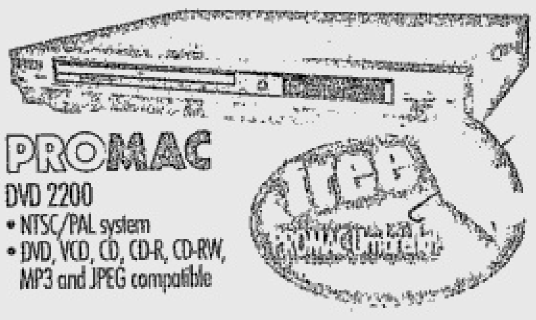

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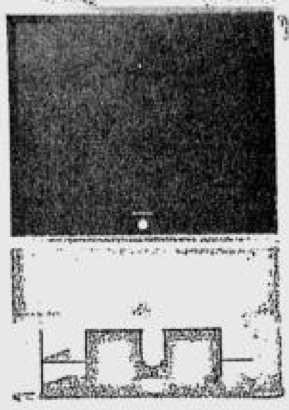

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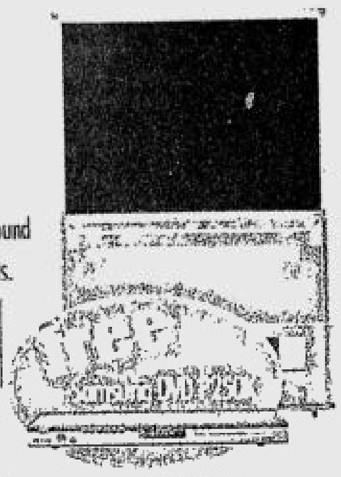

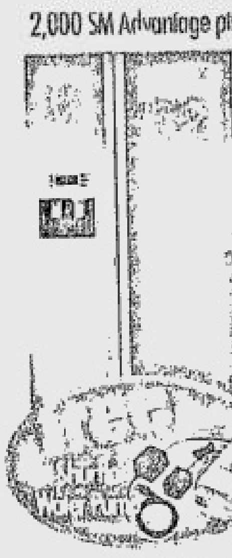

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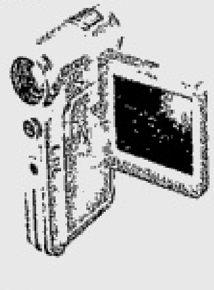

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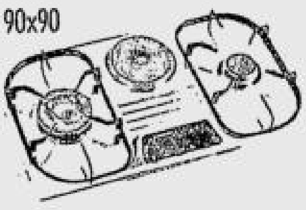

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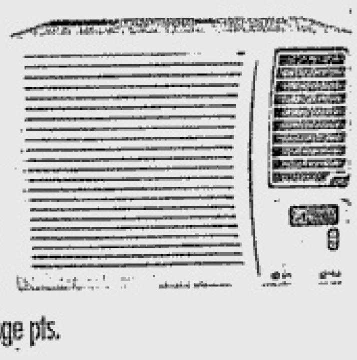

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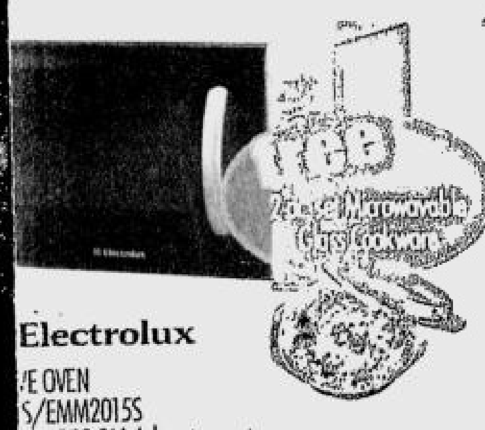

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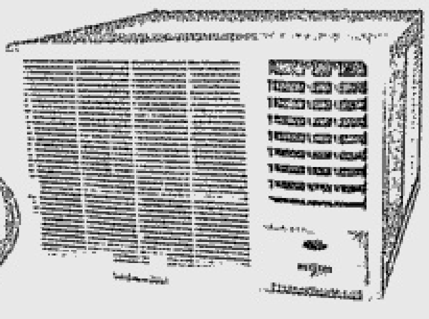

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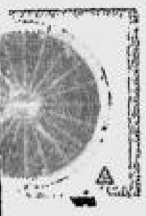

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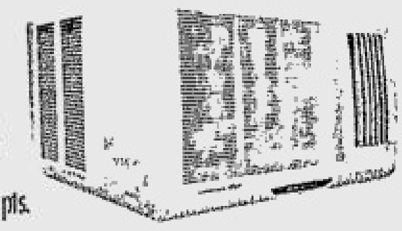

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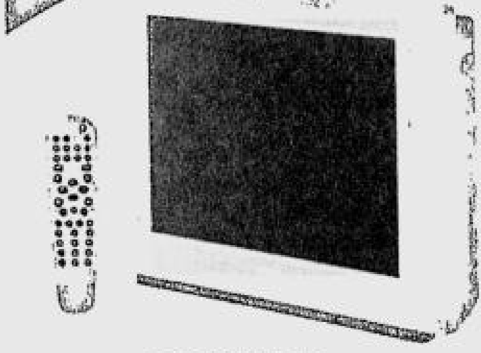

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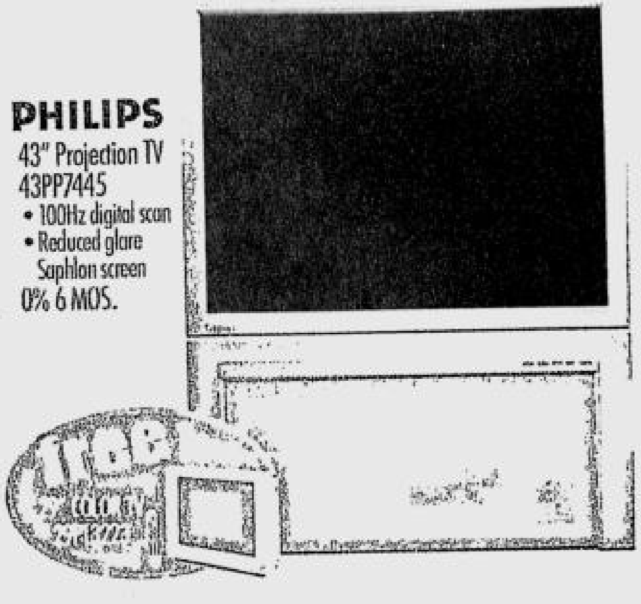

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Balance

EDITORIAL

IT does seem strange when a religious leader and a foreign diplomat tackle an issue from different perspectives and arrive at similar conclusions. Recently, in his departure statement, controversial American chargé d'affaires Joseph Mussomeli said that the Philippines needs to concentrate on fixing the system, instead of focusing on personalities. On the other hand, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales has been pointing out that focusing on President Macapagal-Arroyo's credibility and legitimacy ignores the unresolved question of justice for the crimes of other leaders.

Both men were focusing on a development that is increasingly becoming evident in the current political crisis. That is the effort by people from all walks of life to separate the question of a person's fitness for office from the broader responsibilities of the public for the continuation of a system that leads to questionable—and questioned—leadership.

Of course, this naturally leads to the question of whether or not the President is correct in saying the problem is the system and not her. But was that what both the archbishop of Manila and the departing American diplomat were saying?

No. Ms Arroyo cannot focus on the system without facing up to her role as leader of that system. Resolving the question of the President's fitness for office is, in fact, the first step toward beginning the process of instituting far wider, and deeply needed, change.

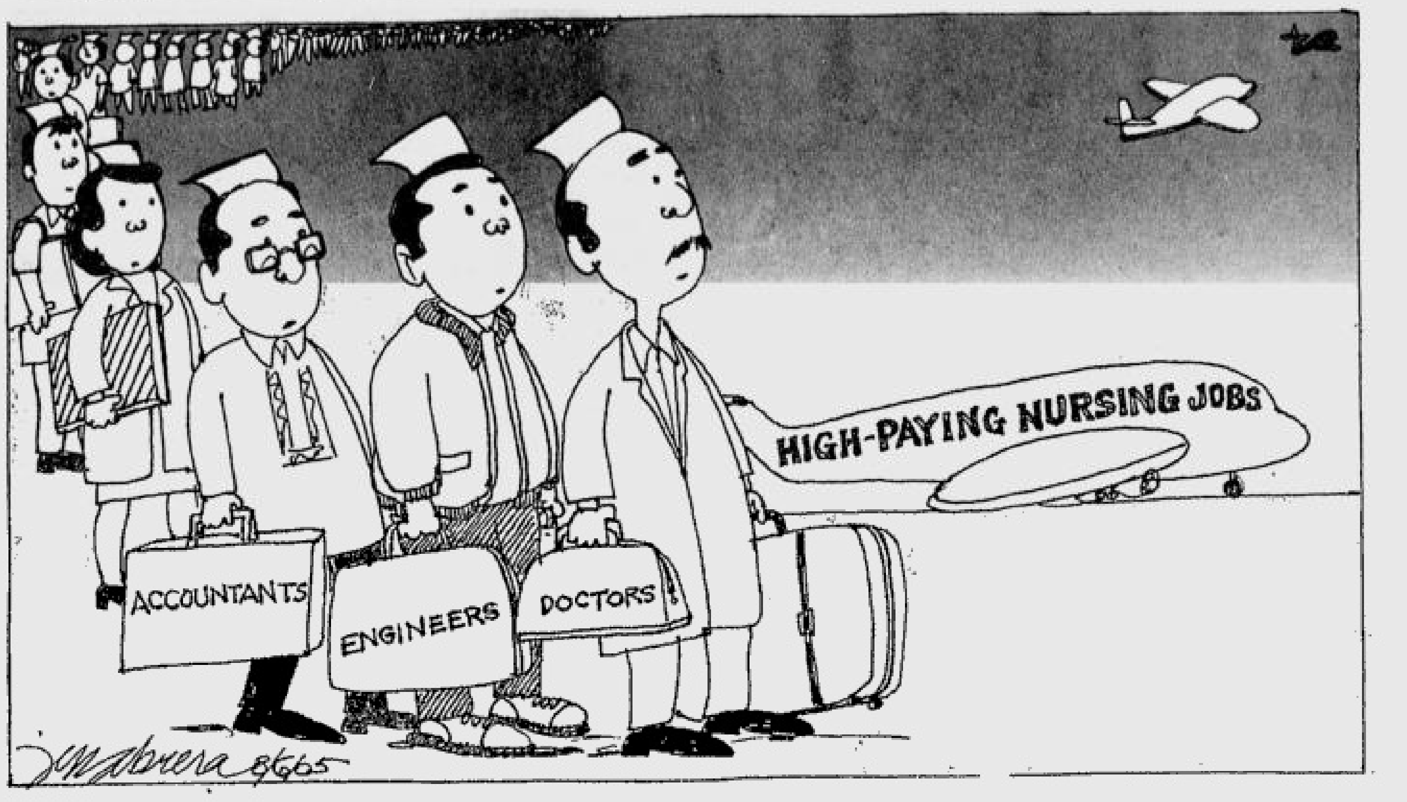
It might be more accurate to interpret the statements of Mussomeli as being representative of the interests of the nation he serves. The United States craves stability among its allies and does not want additional problems from allies going through some political turmoil. The United States is also interested in having the outcome of the political crisis reflect American values—and influence—in a positive, and not a negative, manner. This ties in with the dominant ideology of the Bush administration, which views democracy as an essential tool for perpetuating American influence and power.

On the other hand, the Manila archbishop is grappling with the problem of a local Church that has lent a moral dimension to people power in the past, and a Church which has insisted that governance should reflect Christian principles in action. Despite playing a major role in both Edsa I and II, the Church has failed—and has admitted its failure—to achieve a long-lasting and effective transformation both among the leaders and the governed. It has helped provide the symbols for people power; it is now trying to figure out how it can contribute to a more lasting effect for people power.

In their messages to the Filipino public, both these men reflect the particular interests of the organizations to which they belong: in Mussomeli's case, his government; in Rosales' case, the Catholic Church. The reaction of the public should be as critical as it is appreciative, in that both messages do provide food for thought. However, neither message should be uncritically accepted, or unthinkingly rejected out of hand.

It is clear that an effort is under way among many sectors in society to think and plan for the future. Part of that process includes looking back at the past, but also not looking superficially at the present. The challenges the nation faces certainly go beyond political spin, or the interpretations or arguments of any one leader or institution.

The danger of having an overly institutional bias toward the present crisis is that it ignores the human, and thus moral, dimension necessary to achieve a fair, and lasting, positive outcome. Everyone, we believe, wants this crisis to result in a better Philippines. That will come only if a balance is found between judging the political fortunes of one individual and determining our collective fate, through a system or reforms to the system we arrive at as a whole, not put in place by one faction obsessed with winning over others. There are warnings that are too important to assess superficially or answer with sound bites.



Looking for a leader

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

AS an ordinary citizen observing the swirl of current events, I would say that the opposition to President Macapagal-Arroyo is losing steam. Her foes are being routed by the propaganda countercharge mounted by their intended victim. They probably now realize that Ms Arroyo is not the push-over they had imagined her to be.

In the view of her critics, the ouster of President Arroyo was practically a done deal two weeks ago when former President Corazon Aquino publicly asked her to resign. That immediately created a snowball effect. One Opposition leader predicted that the chastened Gloria would be history in the next 72 hours. It is now going 3 weeks since that confident boast but Ms Arroyo is still in Malacañang.

What stopped that dangerous momentum on its tracks was another former President who came to La Gloria's rescue. This was Fidel V. Ramos who presided at the hastily convened conference she called to ward off the growing clamor for her resignation. She sat silently as Mr. Ramos regrouped her demoralized forces and commanded them to fight back. They obeyed, and the tide began to turn in her favor.

Now the anti-Gloria campaign is back to square one. The five committees of the House of Representatives have resumed their investigation of the Garci tapes but without the original moral indignation and inquisitiveness. It is not likely to go far without the principal witness, who has so far not surfaced despite the supposed determined search being conducted by the police and military authorities. Some say Virgilio Garcillano is already dead, like Bubby Dacer, who also knew too much.

The Senate investigation of the *jueteng* scandal also faces a blank wall. Evidence of the alleged involvement of the Arroyo family in the payola distributed by the gambling lords is mostly hearsay if not also generally unconvincing. Bong Pineda, whom the senators want to question, is out of the country and beyond their jurisdiction although they have ways to compel his return if they really want to. The probe is likely to meet the same fate as the investigation of Sen. Panfilo Lacson four years ago that was never resolved by the past Senate.

The surveys in Metro Manila showing Ms Arroyo's declining popularity among its residents have been dismissed by her supporters as not reflective of the people's will outside that region. Metro Manila is not the Philippines, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita declared, arguing that the rest of the country is still for the President. Malacañang has also pooh-poohed GMA's poor ratings and has pointedly asked who are paying for such surveys.

A recent study made by the research group of this paper revealed that the majority of the 79 provinces in the country are still for President Arroyo. At least the governors and mayors are, although it is not certain that they control their constituents. Assuming that they do, the national consensus still appears to be for the resignation of the embattled chief executive.

The other remedy is also problematic. Impeachment can succeed only if the vote requirements in the Constitution are satisfied. To date, the House of Representatives has not mustered the one-third vote of its members needed to impeach President Arroyo. The proponents have so far mustered only some 50 of the needed 79 votes. Even if the number is reached and the case goes to the Senate for trial and decision, the outlook is also dim for GMA's foes. The vote needed to convict is two-thirds of the 24 members, of whom only 8 are now in the opposition.

Things can change drastically if the evidence in the legislative investigations, and particularly in the impeachment trial if ever it is conducted, becomes irremediably damaging to President Arroyo. Some of her supporters may join her opponents. But even that is not certain if we go by our experience in the Estrada impeachment. Despite the shocking revelations at the trial of his misdeeds, he would have been absolved if the case had continued. Up to the last minute, his 12 allies in the Senate remained steadfast.

The trouble with those who want President Arroyo out of Malacañang is their lack of an effective leader. The *trapos* in the opposition will not do because the people do not trust them. The religious and military leaders, like Archbishop Oscar Cruz and Gen. Fortunato Abat, have moral but hardly any political following. The Hyatt Ten may have valid cause for complaint but most of us do not even remember their names. The people who want to oust President Arroyo want to be led, but there is no leader to lead them.

Somewhere among the 86 million Filipinos such a leader must be waiting to be called to bring us to the Promised Land after these many decades of fruitless search. The poet Thomas Gray mused: "Full many a gem of purest ray serene/the dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear,/full many a flow'r is born to blush unseen/and waste its sweetness in the desert air." Such is the leader who is yet to be discovered. Released from obscurity, such a leader can guide the nation, with its full support, to the true path of morality, freedom and democracy.

Shall we dance?

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

AT A FORUM entitled "Shall We Dance the CHA-CHA?" held at Miriam College, I gave a Power-Point presentation which may interest the reader. It at least provides a basis, which she can build on, for her decision on Charter change.

The presentation is simple and short. It starts with a restatement of the fundamental principle of rational decision-making, i.e., an action (to dance?) is worth taking **if and only if** it leaves the actor better off than before—and that happens if the extra benefits that arise from the action are greater than the extra costs. *Nota bene:* Since what is good for the individual is not necessarily good for society (beware the fallacy of composition), and vice versa, it will make a difference whether the perspective we take is the country perspective (social costs and benefits) or the individual (private costs and benefits). In this exercise, we look at it from the country viewpoint.

The second part of the presentation reviews the more recent (previous decade) efforts to Cha-cha. Three episodes are recalled, all of which shared the same articulated objective: removing the obstacles to economic reform and growth. In the first episode, during the Ramos administration, the main issue was term limits, particularly of the President, with the proposed shift to a parliamentary form of government. In the second episode, Estrada claimed that the obstacles were the economic provisions, particularly the limitations on foreign ownership and control, and gave assurances that he was not interested in the political provisions. The third episode is the present one, where, in contrast to the Estrada perception, the main obstacle to economic growth is perceived to be the system of government. In all three episodes, the exponents have been the incumbent presidents and members of the House of Representatives, although the latest episode sees the addition of local leaders because of the promise of federalism, which did not figure in the previous two.

For purposes of the discussion, Cha-cha refers to (as espoused by the President and Congress) a change in the system of government from a presidential, unitary, bicameral system to a parliamentary, federal, unicameral system, together with more liberal foreign ownership and control provisions than in the 1987 Constitution. All these to be done through a constituent assembly (Con-Ass).

What are the benefits of this Cha-cha, as claimed by its exponents? Not necessarily in the order of their importance, the list is as follows: (1) A Con-Ass will be more efficient (less costly, faster) than a constitutional convention (Con-Con), what with talk of the work being finished by December, and a plebiscite by May; (2) The parliamentary system will reduce gridlock (executive-legislative; lower house-upper house) and therefore delays in decision-making; (3) There will be more power to the people at the grass-roots or local government level (because of the federal system), as "imperial Manila" loses its hold over the rest of the country; (4) Elections will be less costly, since presidential elections will be no more, and therefore the need to recoup financial losses or to make political paybacks in exchange for financial support will be less—reducing incentives for corruption; (5) We will have a more stable politico-economic environment, because there will be no more political crises of the sort that occurred during the Estrada regime and is occurring now: in the new system, all that is needed to change leadership is a vote of no-confidence by the majority of parliament; and (6) As a result of 2, 3, 4 and 5, there will be faster growth and less poverty.

Then there are the disadvantages, which are basically the same points with a diametrically opposite twist: (1) The cost savings from a Con-Ass will be more than offset by the cost of delays in the rest of the legislative agenda and/or a poorer legislative performance; if in three out of the past four years, the legislature could not even pass the national budget on time, what more damage will be wreaked when the legislature adds impeachment and Cha-cha to its plate? (2) "Faster" decision-making means also a faster pace of making wrong decisions. Furthermore, there is no assurance that gridlock will be reduced; it will just arise in a different form—not one House against the other, but one political family or business power bloc against the other. Worse, easier deals can be made at the expense of the Filipino people.

There's more: (3) The people will have less power, not more, because (a) national and state leaders are no longer elected directly but by national and state parliaments; and (b) it will be easier for local dynasties and political warlords to wield and retain political power. (4) Elections will be more costly, what with each state in the federal system having parliaments, and each aspiring local governor or prime minister having to support a larger set of candidates. (5) "Stability" may be more imagined than real, as shown by the numerous times leadership may change hands in a parliamentary system, what with only a majority required to bring a leader down, rather than the two-thirds for a conviction in an impeachment trial at the Senate.

And finally, there are certain problems which have been ignored, and which will exacerbate uncertainty: How will the national debt be divided among the states? How will the federal equalization fund be administered? How are the taxing powers to be allocated? How is a professional civil service to be attained? How is a strong party system, which is necessary for a parliament, to be achieved? No homework done here.

Shall we dance? No, thank you.

The conspiracy angle

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

MY family joins the nation in mourning the death of former Sen. Raul Roco. A friend from many years back, Raul will be remembered for his brilliance of mind, of which he was fully aware and which he flaunted. This was interpreted by some as self-conceit. I recall that episode four and a half years ago during the impeachment trial of former President Estrada when Raul soared on the wings of elegant discourse about the grandeur of the legal profession, as epitomized in words emblazoned in the UP College of Law's Malcolm Hall. Raul was reacting to the blistering line of questioning of a witness by Sen. Miriam Santiago, who was vigorously defending Erap. I remember how piqued she was, which led her to protest the presence in the gallery of people she perceived as hecklers, among them Dante Jimenez and Bettina Aboitiz. After the impeachment was aborted, Kilosbayan and Bantay Katarungan under Jovito Salonga gave Roco an award in recognition of his brilliant performance.

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Over the years, I had many interviews with him, and they were always challenging, as his mind was perpetually percolating. The last major interview was at the Manila Polo Club on the eve of the 2004 campaign period, when he said without blinking that he would become president of this country. At that time, he was riding on the crest of a very high approval rating and seemed unstoppable. As we parted, I sincerely wished him good luck. But that dream was not to be, proving once more that destiny plays a role in getting to that highest post. I also recalled one session with Raul early in his senatorial career, when he queried me whether I ever entertained the thought of entering politics. We had a good laugh on that.

Raul will be sorely missed.

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Confessed *jueteng* bagman Richard Garcia surprised everyone the other day when he accused opposition leaders of pressuring him and other witnesses to link President Macapagal-Arroyo and members of her family to jueteng. In between sobs, in this latest development in what Speaker Jose de Venecia's wife Gina termed "a combination of Chinese, Korean and Pinoy telenovela," Garcia said he was not recanting his Senate testimony, but denouncing the way he and the other witnesses were being used by the opposition to attack GMA and her family. He mentioned specifically Sen. Panfilo Lacson, whose lawyers allegedly prepared his testimony, as well as Senators Aquilino Pimentel, Jinggoy Estrada and Jamby Madrigal.

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The four senators have denied Garcia's claim, but those who have been following the Senate hearings may find it easy to believe this allegation of a grand conspiracy against GMA. For one, the testimonies of the witnesses appeared too contrived, and they all seemed like one big happy family. Indeed, anyone who studies the pattern of the attacks on GMA from all sides cannot but fail to see an intricate plot that must have involved a huge amount of money and many months to plan and execute.

Garcia's accusation of a grand opposition conspiracy makes Archbishop Oscar Cruz look politically naive. At the very least, it looks like Cruz was used. But Garcia's conspiracy accusation could also affect the efforts of the House opposition to recruit more signatures to the impeachment complaint. This is because the more decent elements in the House may not want to have anything to do with a grand conspiracy that appears designed to go beyond a mere search for truth. It's evident that the objective is to cause the fall of the government.

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In the what's-going on-department: The current intra-corporate dispute raging at Eastern Telecoms Philippines Inc. (ETPI) has raised the question once again about the role of the Presidential Commission on Good Government and its appointees to the board of companies where the government has sequestered shares. This issue comes to the fore in the light of what happened at ETPI, where two PCGG-appointed directors voted with another director to strip its chair, Roger Buckeridge, and its president, Nenita Lim-Cruz, of their positions. Buckeridge and Lim-Cruz represent the Australian group Australian Gigahertz Network Inc. (AGNI) which owns 40 percent in ETPI by virtue of a Aus$40 million investment. The government holds the shares sequestered from Polygon Investors & Managers Inc., amounting to 20 percent, and another 10 percent surrendered to the government by Roberto Benedicto.

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After reorganizing the board, the two PCGG directors and the other director who represents the 17.7 percent share of Aerocom Investors & Managers Inc., which belongs to the Nieto Group, approved a resolution allowing the conduct of due diligence by ISM Communications, a corporation owned by former Marcos Trade Minister Roberto Ongpin and Marcos son-in-law Greggy Araneta. Curiously, ISM is bent on buying into ETPI, and yet, it wanted to conduct due diligence on the latter; in fact, ISM even sued after its move was rebuffed by the AGNI Group, which then controlled ETPI. ISM has since announced a share-swap deal for the shares held by Aerocom.

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Interestingly, the PCGG, in its reply to a query by ETPI's counsel in November last year about the ISM move, stated the policy that sale of assets recovered by it should be done through public bidding. The PCGG also declared that "recovered ill-gotten wealth should not be offered to former associates of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos." Ongpin and Araneta definitely fall within this prohibition. It's one thing for the PCGG to protect the interests of the government, but it's another thing to act in a manner detrimental to foreign investors, whom the government is trying so hard to attract or retain. Perhaps the PCGG should make its position on such matters clearer, especially if it has enunciated policies that seem to contravene the present situation.

A beauty 'debate'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

AN UNUSUAL advertising campaign, unusual at least for beauty, skin and body-care products, will soon be hitting the streets. The campaign doesn't seek to "sell" physical attraction and the ideal of beauty as the promised result of continued use and patronage. Rather, it raises questions about the nature and definition of "beauty" itself, challenging consumers to rethink their concept of beauty and to begin to think of themselves as beautiful.

This indeed is revolutionary change. Dove's "Campaign for Real Beauty" stands beauty advertising on its head. The cosmetics and skin-care industry has mostly sought the loyalty of women consumers with advertising based on "fear," as The Body Shop's Anita Roddick postulates. To Roddick, it was a crime to market products aimed at 40- and 50-year-olds by using 18-year-old models. Such campaigns not only created unnecessary paranoia about "old age" conditions like wrinkles, age spots, dry skin and gray hair, but also tended to create a cycle of frustration.

Scared into thinking that they were turning into hags, middle-aged women would buy so-called "age-defying" products by the sackload, only to be frustrated time and again when the results were nowhere near those promised by the glossy ads. The women could not be aware, of course, that no matter how one tried, and even with "scientific" intervention, there was no way a middle-aged woman could look like a youthful model, or even regain the looks and body she sported in her teens and 20s.

But even younger women are not spared this cycle of aspiration and frustration. Teenagers, especially, are vulnerable to unreachable expectations created by most consumer advertising (as well as editorial material) touting everything from toothpaste to deodorants, fashion to fitness, cell phones to jewelry. And when even possession of all these trendy and fashionable items fail to transform their ordinary-duckling selves into the ravishing swans of commercials and lay-outs, teenage girls could end up with a serious case of self-loathing that at times are expressed through self-mutilation, eating disorders and depression.

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INSPIRED by a groundbreaking study **conducted a few years ago among American and European women by Unilever and Harvard University on women's concept of beauty, on which was based Dove's Campaign for Real Beauty, Unilever conducted a similar study covering more than 2,000 women across 10 Asian countries.**

Not surprisingly, the Asian study came up with nearly similar results. Fewer than 3 percent of the female respondents in the Asian study said they were "beautiful," about the same result in the Western study.

Filipinas, in fact, proved to be most confident of their looks, with 5 percent saying they believed they were "beautiful." Pinays also top the "beauty happiness scale," with 87 percent (compared to 34 percent in Korea, say) saying they were satisfied with their appearance. Perhaps fatalism has something to do with this. Very few of us may believe we are beautiful, but we are by and large resigned to living with our looks.

The Filipina respondents also had quite a mouthful to say about the media and their role in creating the nearly-impossible ideals of beauty. A total of 77 percent wished that media did a better job of portraying women of diverse physical characteristics, while 84 percent wished that media "could give women more confidence in their own looks and beauty." But oddly enough, 68 percent said they also thought models used in beauty ads were "good role models for young girls."

Like it did in United States, Canada and Europe, Dove has created advertising that challenges conventional Asian attributes of beauty, such as fair skin, flawless complexion, long shiny hair, svelte figure and even large breasts.

The only Filipina model in the campaign, dusky skinned management trainee Mia Sebastian, is featured in an ad that asks the consumer to decide: Dark? Or Dazzling? These ads, asking the public to "join the beauty debate" by ticking boxes that best describe the "real women" shown, will soon be seen in magazines, billboards and posters.

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TO LAUNCH the campaign, the Women's Media Circle, an NGO working for the empowerment of women and girls in the media, partnered with Dove on a "debate" on beauty last Wednesday, with a panel of speakers moderated by talk-show host Boy Abunda, himself an object of beauty.

It was an interesting mix of personalities, persuasions and opinions, with the participants including Sebastian, Unilever marketing director Noel Lorenzana, the ageless former Miss Universe and actress Gloria Diaz, MTV VJ Nicole Fonacier, global debater and media personality Patricia Evangelista, talk-show host and commercial model Drew Arellano, renowned cosmetic surgeon Dr. Florencio Lucero, sociologist and UP professor Dr. Josefina Natividad, and this columnist.

Boy set the discussion going by asking the glorious Miss Diaz to repeat her assertion that "99 percent of beauty is based on youth, so older women have to work hard on the remaining one percent." Dr. Lucero confirmed the perceived link between youth and beauty, saying most of his clients come to him asking him to "make me look younger" and not necessarily more beautiful.

Nicole, who became a plus-size role model when she won in the MTV VJ search, debunked myths about beauty standards, saying it was all a matter of "self-confidence" and belief in oneself. And indeed, we are attracted to many other things besides the physical—things like good health, confidence, poise and humor. And when the physical is deficient, or past its prime, then it behooves one to develop the intangibles, qualities that time can neither wrinkle nor sag.

A crying shame

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

IF the real meaning of heritage is inheritance—that which past generations have handed down to us as stewards of the country's collective memory—then like the foolish servant in the Bible parable, we have chosen to fritter it away. This is not to say that as a nation we don't have problems other than patrimonial destruction that threaten to overwhelm us in their magnitude. A cursory glance at any newspaper makes it clear that what ails us isn't going away any time soon or that our troubles can be cured with Band-Aid. If it would do any good, we could wonder how much we are to blame for these problems—whether economic or social—and if they aren't of our own making. But then I don't know that we're really given to much introspection or accepting our share of responsibility. (These days the opposition isn't zeroing in on blaming the Spanish or the Americans but trying to make us believe that one person is responsible for all our ills as though they had no hand in it despite many of them having been in government a donkey's years.)

Having said that, let me tell you a horror story that threatens to be worse than all the crimes against heritage I've run across (no, not as evil as demolishing the Jai-Alai but close or claiming you're God's gift to preservation while obliterating Manila's historic spaces). Over the years to our grief, we've encountered the destruction of a peoples' patrimony due to greed, ignorance, political expediency, indifference and many times arrogance. This is a continuation of the sorry tale of our country and the senseless erasure of decades of history in the now woeful town of Argao.

The present church of Argao, whose first titular saint was Michael, the Archangel, dates from around the beginning of the 19th century. It may have been the second or third to be constructed since the parish was founded in 1733. When I first saw it more than 30 years ago, it was a sleepy little pueblo by the sea although I learned later that antique dealers from Manila had already been there and the stunning ivory statue of St. Michael had long been gone.

Romantically, there were cobwebs and dust everywhere but they didn't obscure the baroque carving of the pews (since taken to the Cebu Cathedral, I hear) or the richly painted ceiling or the beautifully ornamented *retablos* that not even the apparent neglect could hide. Since the Filipino has lost so much of both his natural and man-made heritage, it was awesome to find a jewel like this one. In the intervening years, I would make an effort to travel to Argao whenever I was in Cebu to admire the gorgeous carvings and images. Some five years ago, they were still intact.

Last year, I began to hear whispers about the destruction of the images by a parish priest for reasons best known to himself (God knows what he told his bishop or whether he even bothered). Perhaps he saw the movie "Goldfinger" and imagined himself to be a latter-day Midas. Whatever insanity possessed him compelled him to go to the nearest hardware store, buy several gallons of gold paint and and slather all the statues on the main altar. Perhaps he thought this was the way gold leaf was applied in the old days. During the Revolution, the donors from the town probably would have strung him up from the nearest tree and left him to the vultures.

The saddest part, it seems to me, is that we have so little left of this heritage. We like to say Bangkok has this or Bali has that and poor us, what do we have? Well, we had Argao, for one, but obviously it has been totally, thoroughly and terminally wasted on us.

Not satisfied with his grand feat of vandalism, Father Montecillo went off to continue the destruction of the town's heritage. In the cemetery, he had the carved main arch of the gate demolished to make way for his own design because it is said he wanted to enlarge the space. You think perhaps these people do this on purpose or are they just stupid?

Having been a member of the Committee on Monuments and Sites of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts for more years than I care to remember, we had already zeroed in on parish priests as part of the problem in the efforts to conserve this country's heritage. Ever since the NCCA was formed in the late 1980s, we kept trying to send lecturers on preservation to the seminaries. For years, we couldn't even get an appointment with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines. Our reasoning was that the value of patrimony and cultural identity had to be explained to the seminarians and the responsibility of their stewardship emphasized.

More than a dozen years later, I don't think the committee has succeeded in getting a toe-hold on the door of a seminary. Consequently, the Church has produced priests like Montecillo who hasn't a clue about aesthetics or history and the concept of stewardship. Try to imagine what went through his brain that he dared put his mark on images that didn't belong to him and erase more than 100 years of history.

If I were younger, perhaps I might have felt anger at such arrogance but what I feel now is regret. I'm sorry for us. I'm sorry that we don't have the leaders who care enough or are enlightened enough, whether in the Church or in government. I'm sorry that our egos overwhelm us and we can't seem to see beyond our noses. Here is a country where so much has already been destroyed and here was a treasure that had been preserved all these many years, only to be destroyed by some idiot.

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Our fathers

YOUNG BLOOD

Ivan Picazo

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.**

LAUGHING loud in delight, the small boy enjoys the ride on his father's shoulders. The father jumps slightly to heighten the excitement of his son. The path home seems like a battlefield, dark and mysterious. Yet the son feels very secure since he is with his warrior-protector, his very own father.

This is pretty much the story I recount to my friends when I am asked what my sweetest memory of my father is. I cannot remember all the details though, for I was still small when my father and I would bond like that. All I remember is that my mom would ask me to fetch my father from an already overextended drinking session with his friends. And when he finally agreed to go home, he would chase me, and I would run and run like my life depended on it. He always caught me though, and lift me to his shoulders, hold my feet against his chest, and thus we would walk home. Walk, and jump and run and hop, actually.

Years later for some complicated reasons, my father found it best to leave us. Then my mom followed. And when they came back after working in Japan before I enrolled in Grade 6, my dad headed straight for our province.

Being fatherless is not something new to me, or to others my age for that matter. It is really sad yet amusing that almost everyone I would converse with regarding the man of the house would recount a very familiar experience and in almost very similar circumstances.

I vividly remember that when I was in high school, our English teacher asked us to write a thank you letter to our fathers as a writing exercise. After a good half hour, one of my classmates raised her hand and said that she could hardly write anything; her father had abandoned them when she was still a baby.

After hearing this, our teacher asked who among us were also "having a hard time" with the exercise. Only a handful did not raise their hands.

That was the first time the fact stared me in the face that mine is a fatherless generation. Though some would not have physically absent fathers, theirs were not there to give encouragement and support, some just did not give what it takes to support their families. Or some would have more than one set of sons and daughters. Or some would mete out very harsh physical discipline for the smallest mistake.

Once when I was at the Sunken Garden in UP trying to find an inspiration to write, I saw a father and his small boy riding a bike. The son was seated on his father's lap, his head resting on his dad's chest. I found myself shedding a tear. And then another. A few seconds later, I just found myself sobbing like a helpless little boy.

There was nothing dramatic in the sight of a father and son riding a bicycle. But from the very simplicity of that act made me think that I was ready to exchange everything I had for that boy's life. We lived comfortable lives growing up, thanks to my parents and my relatives. But the comfort and stability we had, I would readily exchange even for a life of extreme poverty, for a normal, complete family.

The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said that "If someone does not have a good father, he should acquire one."

I agree. And indeed, I have been blessed with other men in my life I have looked up to as fathers.

My uncle, with whom my siblings and I lived when our parents were abroad, was the first superman I ever idolized. Dada, as we fondly call him because of his generosity in sharing his love and time, is a major influence in my life. When I was younger and somebody asked what I wanted to become when I grew up, I would say I wanted to be like Dada, always wearing his *americana* and *curbata*.

Kuya Anthony, my cousin's husband, is way too young to be my father, yet he was exactly that to me. He was my first spiritual father, having introduced me to Jesus and the Bible. Even when he was still courting my cousin, he would take me out and we just had some good, clean fun.

My Tito Ricky, with whom I now live, is the latest father on my list. He is the kind who challenges me to read more and to think more. There are times when we talk from nine in the evening till four in the morning, and the whole time, he would play devil's advocate to push me to defend my positions or to argue more intelligently. Other times, we just say "hi" to each other and that is already bonding for us.

I owe a lot to my Bible study leader, Christian, my mentor, my spiritual leader, my brother and friend. I can still remember how rough and evil and arrogant and stupid I was before. Christian very patiently and slowly helped me remove the weeds out of my life. He helped shape my character, my convictions.

I want to honor my real father as well. Despite everything that happened, I forgive him. I love him so much.

The challenge for the men of my generation, I believe, is to be the father we would have loved to have. To get inspiration from other "fathers," to draw from our own experiences the strength of character we would want to bless our future sons and daughters with.

"If someone does not have a good father," Nietzsche said, "he should acquire one."

I say that is not enough. I believe he should be one.

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THEY SAID

For goodness sake

"If you live 60 years, if you have an unblemished record, if you have endless numbers of people who attest to your goodness, doesn't that count?"

—Defense lawyer Reid Weingarten in his passionate plea for leniency for his client, Bernard Ebbers, who was sentenced to 25 years in prison for his role in the fraud involving WorldCom, a telecom giant which he headed as chief executive

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Not character but leadership

IT'S common for leaders to blame their failures on the people. Thus Hitler, just before he fired the pistol that blew out his evil brains, whined that the German people were not worthy of his leadership. Pol Pot tried to kill as many Cambodians as possible in order to change them. Shortly after her election last year, President Macapagal-Arroyo issued an executive order for a program to change the character "flaws" of the Filipino people.

Yet, in the entire history of mankind, there is no instance in which an entire people had to change their collective character so that their fate would change. England became great because of leaders like Queen Elizabeth and Winston Churchill. America achieved independence through the statesmanship of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Malaysia and Singapore have become economically successful because of Mahathir Mohamad and Lee Kuan Yew; and China is now a superpower because of Mao Zedong and Deng Xiao Peng. The 1.2 billion Chinese people did not have to change their character to achieve economic progress.

Japan, which is not a Christian nation, has a kinder and gentler social system that takes much better care of retirees and elders than ours. It has much greater harmony and peace than our country.

Jose Enrique Yulo, in his letter, titled "Character flaws, change from within," (PDI, 7/25/05) expressed a very poor opinion of the Filipino character. This is typical of our colonial elite. Yet, Rizal, in his essay, "The [alleged] Indolence of the Filipino People," pointed out that Filipinos are industrious and honest. He noted that our ancestors, in trading with the Chinese, invariably paid for the wares by leaving their payment on the shores for the Chinese traders to pick up. A recent test (conducted by GMA television), wherein "lost" wallets containing P200 were dropped in various parts of Metro Manila, showed that 85 percent of the wallets were returned intact. Another survey showed that most jeepney passengers, coming from ordinary families, paid the correct fare even though they had the opportunity to just get off without paying.

Filipino workers and employees abroad are appreciated for their industry and honesty, and that is the reason our OFWs are in demand among employers abroad. If Ms Arroyo said that by going abroad, some eight million Filipinos were "voting with their feet," it is not because they have failed our country; it is because our leaders have failed them.

Leaders make promises; they are elected to office; they get to use billions of pesos in taxes from the people; they get the power to direct an immense bureaucracy. If they fail, why blame the people? A great leader, John F. Kennedy said, "To whom much is given, much is required." We give much to our leaders, in terms of honor, money and obedience. What do we get in return? Shall we also get insult in addition to injury?

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Why be afraid of Edsa if it's the only way to freedom?

WE should not be afraid of another Edsa (People Power) if this is the only way to free ourselves from the bondage of poverty and inequality.

Our problem is not the people running our government. Our problem is the system. The system that for a long time impoverished the masses despite our country's being blessed with abundant natural resources.

The fear of a bloody revolution if Edsa III occurs is illogical and unfounded. Have we not learned from Edsa I and Edsa II? They were not bloody because the majority of Filipinos are Christians who have a high regard for human life.

The idea of establishing a civilian-military junta is timely and welcome. This is what our country needs, this is the only way we can destroy the system.

Yes, I have lost faith in our constitutional process; most of our politicians occupy and use public office for personal aggrandizement at the expense of the poor. As to the call that changes must be made within the framework of the Constitution, this is absurd because our present system perpetuates injustice and inequality.

—FR. RUFINO PEPOYE CABATINGAN,
St. Rita Parish, Gingoog City

A country gone awry, a people losing hope

TO THE 84 million inhabitants of the Philippines: ladies and gentlemen, to every Filipino wherever you are, whether you're in the shanties of Payatas or in the mansions of Forbes Park; in the chapels of the Ivatans or in the mosques of the Tausugs; in Manila or somewhere else in the world, working like a carabao, *isang mapagpalayang araw*!

It is both a privilege and a challenge for an ordinary Filipino like me to deliver the State of Damnation Address.

My piece will not boast of accomplishments (President Macapagal-Arroyo has done that). It will be devoid of promises. I will not talk about peace and unity among Filipinos. Instead, I will attempt to highlight the obvious: a nation divided; a country gone awry; a populace losing hope.

We have a sitting President who cheated the electorate; and who refuses to admit her wrongdoing as she clings to power.

We have a Vice President, lowly regarded by many sectors, who might just lose his post due to an electoral protest.

We have a Senate president so driven by ambition who severed his ties with the President, even as a week before he did so, he was on stage with her, declaring his undying support for her administration.

We have a House of Representatives that spends millions of pesos in televised public hearings but fails to enact a single piece of legislation.

We have a Senate whose most popular members are known for the B-movies they made, not for their parliamentary skills.

We have a politicized and restive Armed Forces of the Philippines plagued by graft and corruption; and a police force reviled by half of the citizenry and feared by the other half because of its officers' involvement in crimes.

We have prelates who claim to follow the voice of one God but remain fragmented by politics.

We have the leftists—now, well represented in Congress—who used to vilify lawmakers for enriching themselves through the pork barrel, but who now enjoy the same largesse they once loathed.

We have a First Gentleman who would never be first in the hearts of the people and who is perceived to be everything but gentle.

We have a jailed former president who had the guts to deliver his own Sona, ignoring the fact that he himself committed similar sins against the people.

We have a former president whose failed attempt to amend the Constitution during his term remains an unfinished business and continues to eye the post of prime minister in a new system of government.

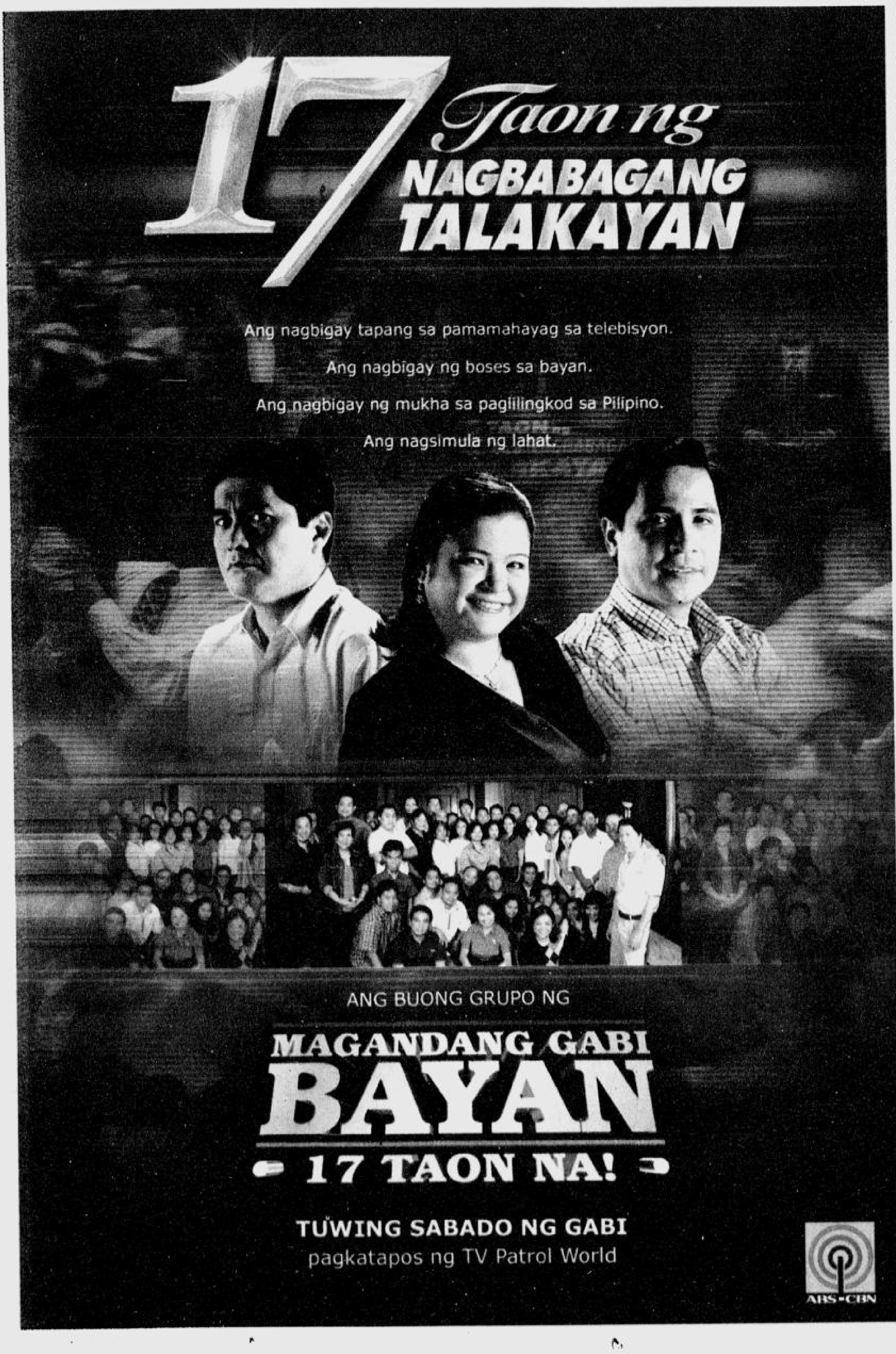
We have election officials who continue to receive thousands of pesos in people's money in salaries and incentives despite bungling a billion-peso computerization contract and helping manipulate the results of the elections.

We have wiretappers who remain at large and un-investigated; and most likely, would never be punished.

We have undisciplined civilians who never run out of complaints against the government even if they do not follow basic traffic rules.

Maraming salamat at magandang araw.

—LOI R. LANDICHO, 8F Jacinta Bldg II,
Edsa, Guadalupe, Makati City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Corrupt, exploited political system

"YAHWEH then said, 'I have seen the misery of my people. I have heard them crying for help on account of their taskmasters. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings.'" (Exodus 3:7)

Indeed, this has been the plight of our Filipino people and it has reached disastrous proportions: "12M children below the age of 10 suffer from hunger and malnutrition," "12-14M are unemployed and underemployed," "3,000 Filipinos leave the country daily, forced by massive poverty, to accept jobs that are dangerous and degrading to human dignity," "our women and children are being trafficked and commodified," "our patrimony is being plundered and sold to MNCs [multinational companies] and TNCs [transnational companies]," "prices of basic commodities rise unabated."

We have witnessed and experienced, through our various Good Shepherd ministries the sufferings and struggles of women and children, urban and rural poor, indigenous peoples and migrants. We have seen the continuing destruction of our environment.

Globalization has exploited the graft-ridden and corrupt political system in our country which intensifies the chronic economic crisis. This government has failed to avert the present crises.

Past administrations, including the Arroyo administration—which should be promoting the common good and protecting our national sovereignty—have become subservient to foreign interests and patronage politics. The trust of our people in our government leaders' capacity to govern has been eroded.

"At the sight of the crowds, Jesus was moved with compassion for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." (Mt. 9:36)

Our people are being pushed to the limits of human endurance. We challenge Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to prove her avowed love of country and to heed the call of the suffering people. She must step down now!

Let us act now to help bring about the much needed radical systemic change in our economic, political and cultural institutions.

We call on the Filipino citizenry to support the basic sectors and other people of goodwill who are now participating in the transition of government and coming up with their agenda for meaningful change.

We will continue to intensify our prayers and fasting until God's reign of justice, peace and freedom will prevail in our country.

—SR. CARMELITA CRUZ, RGS,
provincial superior, Sisters of the Good
Shepherd (RGS), Philippine Province, 1043
Aurora Boulevard, Quezon City

Heritage to be proud of

THREE cheers for Davao City for ending horsefighting as part of the Kadayawan sa Dabaw. ("Davao City scraps horsefighting in annual festival," PDI, 7/17/05)

This year, I'm looking forward to attending events like the Tugtog festival. In years past, I had to avoid the festival because I didn't want my child to witness the cruelty and violence of forcing horses trapped in a ring to kick and bite each other to shreds.

It's wonderful that our community has started a new tradition—one of compassion. It is a heritage I will be proud to pass on to my grandchildren.

—GRACE DE VILLA, Kamias, Quezon City

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Samar town flexes mussel industry

By Vicente S. Labro
Jiabong, Samar

WIDELY known for its green mussels, or *tahong*, for over two decades, Jiabong in Samar is perhaps the only municipality in the country that has a monument of the succulent bivalve right in the town plaza.

The structure—four 5-foot concrete green mussels on a solid base—was put up in recognition of the mollusk's contribution to the local economy.

Every year, producers harvest thousands of *tahong* from farms in the estuarine, just a few hundred meters from the town proper. These are sold locally or in other parts of the Visayas and even as far as Mindanao and Luzon.

At the foot of the Jiabong Bridge, vendors offer fresh *tahong*, in shell or shucked, to commuters passing the coastal town. And these sell like hot cakes because of their distinct, delicious taste, residents claim.

Mussels have been known as a poor man's rich source of protein. It is served boiled in plain water, or cooked as *kaldereta*, *afritada*, *embutido* and the ever-popular *adobo*.

The commercial success of Jiabong's *tahong* overshadowed an incident in the early 1980s that nearly nipped in the bud the then fledgling industry of the fifth-class municipality (average annual income: P7 million-P13 million).

Red tide, or an algal bloom that causes fish kill and paralytic shellfish poisoning, struck the Maqueda Bay, including the waters off Jiabong.

The government declared a ban on the gathering of shellfish, adversely affecting the local *tahong* vendors. The prohibition lasted for about eight months.

Empowerment

In 1988, the red tide phenomenon recurred, again affecting the *tahong* industry.

After the calamity, about 50 poor producers and vendors realized the need to organize so they could avail themselves of livelihood assistance from the government. They put up Jiabong Mussel Producers and Vendors Multi-Purpose Cooperative (JMPVMPC), which was registered with the Cooperative Development Authority in 1993.

The group is now producing *tahong* crackers, *tahong* meat, and processed mussel meat, and wall decors, trays, wall files, vases, jewelry boxes and other shellcraft items made out of *tahong* shells.

It sells *tahong* in half shells and processed mussel meat, particularly *adobong tahong* (cooked in vinegar and spices) and smoked *tahong*, dry or in oil.

The JMPVMPC has its own office on the national highway in Barangay Alejandrea, about 200 meters north of the Jiabong Bridge.

According to Demetrio J. Jumagdao, the cooperative's president, the group was able to secure a P814,000-grant under the Philippine-Australian Community Assistance Program (Pacap) of the Australian Agency of International Development (AusAID), in 2001.

It used the money to construct its food processing and office building, the JMPVMPC Mussel Meat Processing and Shellcraft Center.

In 2003, the cooperative received an additional P1.5-million grant from AusAID to finish the building project, as well as to fund a *tahong* farm project and purchase food processing equipment, like pressure cooker, steamer, meat grinder and freezer.

Brisk sales

The farm now has more than 4,000 poles, Jumagdao said. It set a target of 6,000 poles in the next two years.

Jumagdao said the food processing business had been doing well over the past years. Last year, the cooperative acquired license from the Bureau of Food and Drugs to operate as food manufacturer.

The processed *tahong* meat is stored in jars, with the label containing a bar code, BFAD registration number and nutritional facts, among other information. Shelf life is one and a half years.

Tahong crackers are packed in plastic bags and are good for four months.

The Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Science and Technology, Technology and Livelihood Research Center, and other government and private offices helped the JMPVMPC in the package design and in acquiring technology to extend the shelf life of its products.

"Our products can be recognized through the 'WOW mussel', words that also appear on our label," Jumagdao said.

Opportunities

For several years now, he said, the JMPVMPC has been participating in trade and food fairs, such as the International Trade Fair, International Food Exhibit, Bahandi Trade Fair of Eastern Visayas, and the People's Organizations Regional Trade.

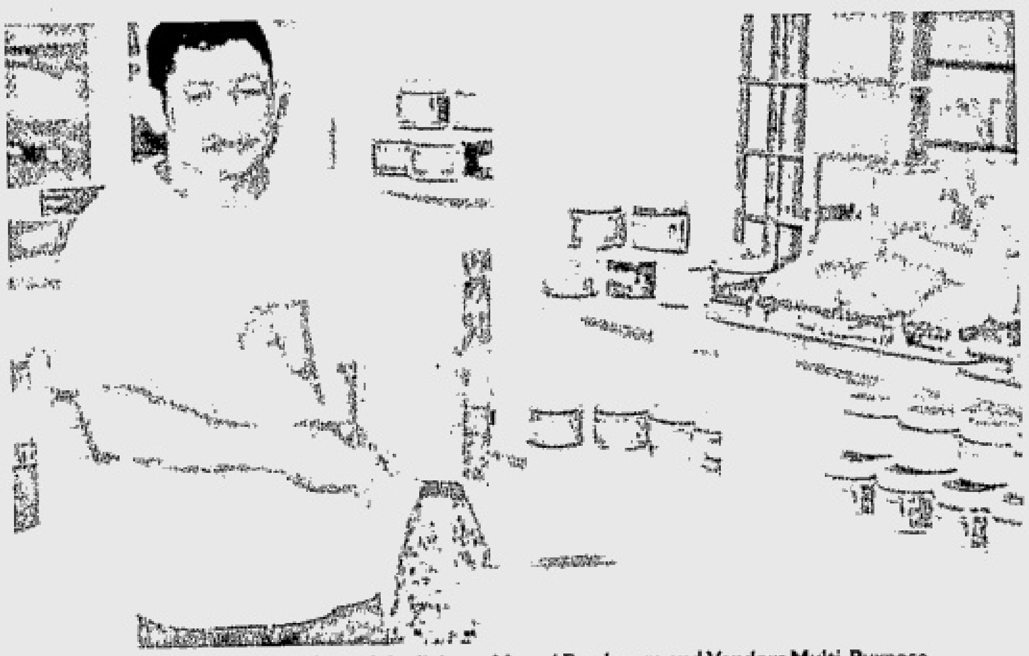
It barely earns from sales in the fairs and exhibits, Jumagdao said. But usually, the events provide opportunities to meet prospective buyers and close deals.

The JMPVMPC is now supplying several malls and restaurants in Manila with processed *tahong* meat or frozen *tahong* in half shells. It even has orders abroad, but not in big volumes.

When orders are heavy, Jumagdao said, the workers, who are cooperative members, go on overtime to meet the deadline of delivery. They are paid P13 per work hour.

A truck, which the cooperative bought for P190,000, is used for delivery if the buyer is not far from Jiabong, such as the capital town of Catbalogan (12 km north), or Tacloban City (95 km south).

If it is too far, the buyer will have to pick up its goods at the cooperative's office.



DEMETRIO J. Jumagdao, president of the Jiabong Mussel Producers and Vendors Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Jiabong, Samar, holds a vase made out of *tahong* shells. The cooperative also makes other *tahong* shellcraft items like the lampshades of different shapes shown at right (below). But its main products are the processed *tahong* meat in jars and packed *tahong* crackers (displayed on the shelves).

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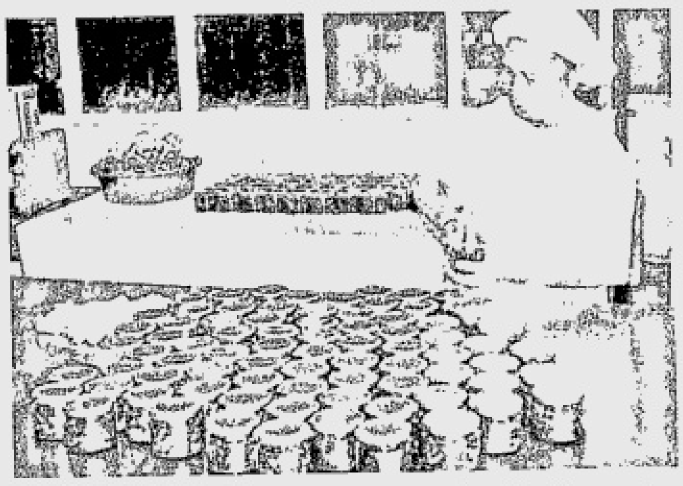


DOMINGA Rabotaso, a member of the Jiabong Mussel Producers and Vendors Multi-Purpose Cooperative, prepares the jars newly filled with *adobong tahong* for labeling at the JMPVMPC Mussel Meat Processing and Shellcraft Center in Barangay Alejandrea, Jiabong, Samar.

One hundred years of 'lighting up the world and the city'

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
Iloilo City

IF THE title Centennial Lectures sounds formal and grand, it happens to be the opposite at Central Philippine University [CPU].

As part of its 100-year celebration, CPU hosted from Aug. 1 to 5 a series of lectures, dubbed "Centennial Academic Festival," that has drawn huge attendance. In many lectures, students had to sit on the floor and stand on the corridors to listen to the speakers.

The lectures, a hundred in all, were more like alternative classrooms that attracted hundreds, partly because their attendance was checked for class credits and also because they were interested in the topics discussed.

The subjects are myriad—health, education, environment, engineering and theology.

Some topics ranged from the technical—"High Performance Liquid Chromatography," "Comprehensive Approach to Cardiac Rehabilitation—to mundane like "Cake Decorating" and "Rabbit Production for Food, Funds and Fun."

Speakers in the lecture were drawn mostly from CPU's corps of teachers but others came from other schools and groups.

One of the most attended lectures was Environment Concerns and Issues by Melvin Purzuelo, the head of Green Forum Western Visayas. Purzuelo's lectures included the discussions on the objections posed by environment-watch groups on the proposed coal-fired power plants in northern Iloilo. It also discussed the threats to the ancestral domain of the indigenous peoples and communities in Panay and Guimaras islands. The Green Forum map shows that 30 percent of the total land area in Panay is under mining claims.

The centennial lectures are among the crowd-drawing activities during the university's week-long celebration of its 100 years that started July 31 and ends August 7. The highlights include class reunions, concerts, awarding of outstanding alumni and the staging of the much-acclaimed Hopevale Musicale.

A long way

CPU has come a long way from being a basic vocational school in 1905 when it was named as Jaro Industrial School by missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

In 1913 it started admitting female students and two years later, high school classes were offered. When the school offered junior college in 1923, its name was changed to Central Philippine College. In 1940 it offered five bachelor degrees—arts, science, education, theology and religious education.

When World War II broke out, the school was devastated. This moving chapter in the university's history has inspired the staging of the musical "Hopevale: Memories of Missions and Martyrs" written and directed by CPU alumnus, Rodolfo Cabado, a lawyer and member of the Iloilo provincial board.

Hopevale is a two-act musical-drama that tells about the American missionaries who founded Jaro Industrial School [now CPU] as well as the Iloilo Mission Hospital, Capiz Home School [now Filamer Christian College] and the Emmanuel Hospital.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and eventually occupied the Philippines, 11 American Baptist Missionaries in Panay refused to surrender to Japanese troops. They were Jeanie Clare Adams, superintendent of nurses at Capiz Emmanuel; Prof. James Howard Clovell and his wife Charma Moore Clovell, teachers at Central Philippine College; Dorothy Antoinette Dowell, former principal of the Baptist Missionary Training School later the college School of Theology; Signe Amelia Erickson, formerly of Capiz Baptist Home School later of the college School of Theology; Dr. Frederick Willer-Meyer, director of Capiz Emmanuel Hospital, and his wife Ruth Schacht Meyer; Dr. Francis Howard Rose, of Central Philippine College, and his wife Gertrude Coombs Rose; Rev. Erle Fredrich Rounds and his wife Louise Cummings Rounds, who both served in Antique and Capiz, and their son Erle Douglas.

The American missionaries evacuated to Barrio Katipunan in Tapaz, Capiz with the help of their Filipino friends. They stayed in the forest they called Hopevale for 20 months. The Japanese soldiers came to Hopevale on Dec. 19, 1943, and executed the missionaries the following day.

The missionaries asked to be allowed to pray and, an hour later, they told the Japanese soldiers that were ready to die. The adults were beheaded; the children stabbed with bayonets.

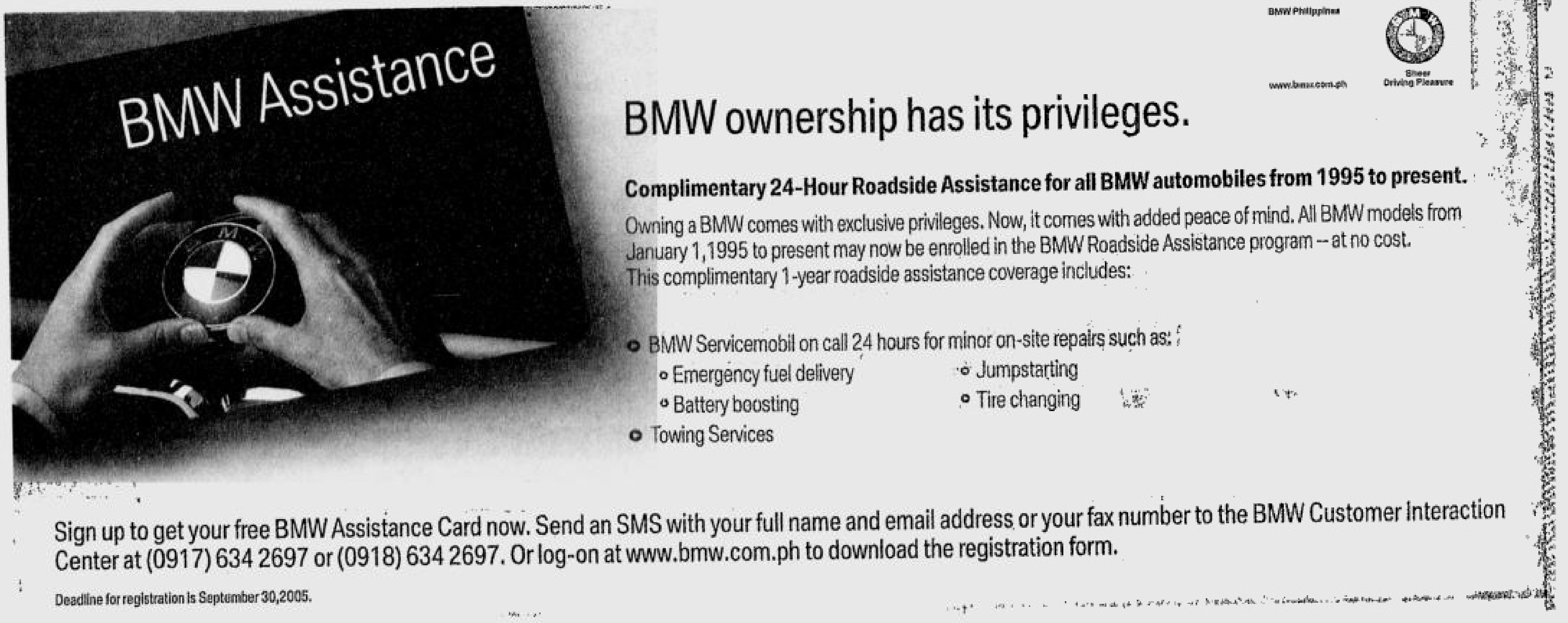
'Light of the world'

The American missionaries' martyrdom has inspired the reconstruction of CPU after the war. Some of the present buildings in the 24-hectare campus were named after the martyrs of Hopevale.

In 1953, Central Philippine College became Central Philippine University. The first Filipino president of the university was Dr. Rex Drilon, elected in 1966. Two years later the entire university was turned over by the America Baptist Foreign Mission Society to the all-Filipino corporation of CPU.

In 100 years, CPU has grown from an industrial school with 17 students to what is now a university with an enrolment of more than 12,000. It has 630 faculty members and an equal number of staff members. It continues to maintain ties with Protestant groups like the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches, the International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches and the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

In his message on the centennial celebration, CPU president Juanito Acanto said he hoped that CPU will continue to be true to its mission, which is to build and strengthen the whole person as well as to be the "light of the world and the city on a hill."



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Violence feared in ARMM polls

COTABATO CITY—Mayor Muslimin Sema opposed a resolution promulgated by the Commission on Elections that named the city as a cluster counting center for votes cast in Maguindanao during the Aug. 8 elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Sema said the counting of ballots here could expose residents to threats of violence.

Told of the city officials' opposition to the resolution, Commissioner Mehol Sadain said he would inform Comelec chair Benjamin Abalos, who, he said, had proposed the resolution to the Commission about Sema's position.

Sema said the unnumbered resolution will also burden the city police office, which is already undermanned.

He said doing the tabulation of votes cast in Maguindanao here would force the undermanned police force to field personnel "within and around the periphery of the area of counting, without necessarily being deputized by Comelec, because the city is not part of ARMM."

"What if something happens to anyone of them (policemen) during this period? How would they be able to explain things legally on applying for their benefits or even for hospitalization?"

Zamboanga City Mayor Celso Lobregat asked the Comelec to reconsider its plan to put up the ARMM Comelec office in his city.

"We have made our position clear that we cannot add these things to our list of responsibilities in trying to protect the city," Lobregat said, referring to the plan to activate an election field for office for the ARMM in Zamboanga City.

"If we are to project to the whole world that the ARMM polls is honest, orderly and peaceful, it is better to do these tabulations in an area inside the autonomous region," Sema said.

James Jimenez, Comelec director for education and information division, said that no counting would be held in voting centers in Maguindanao.

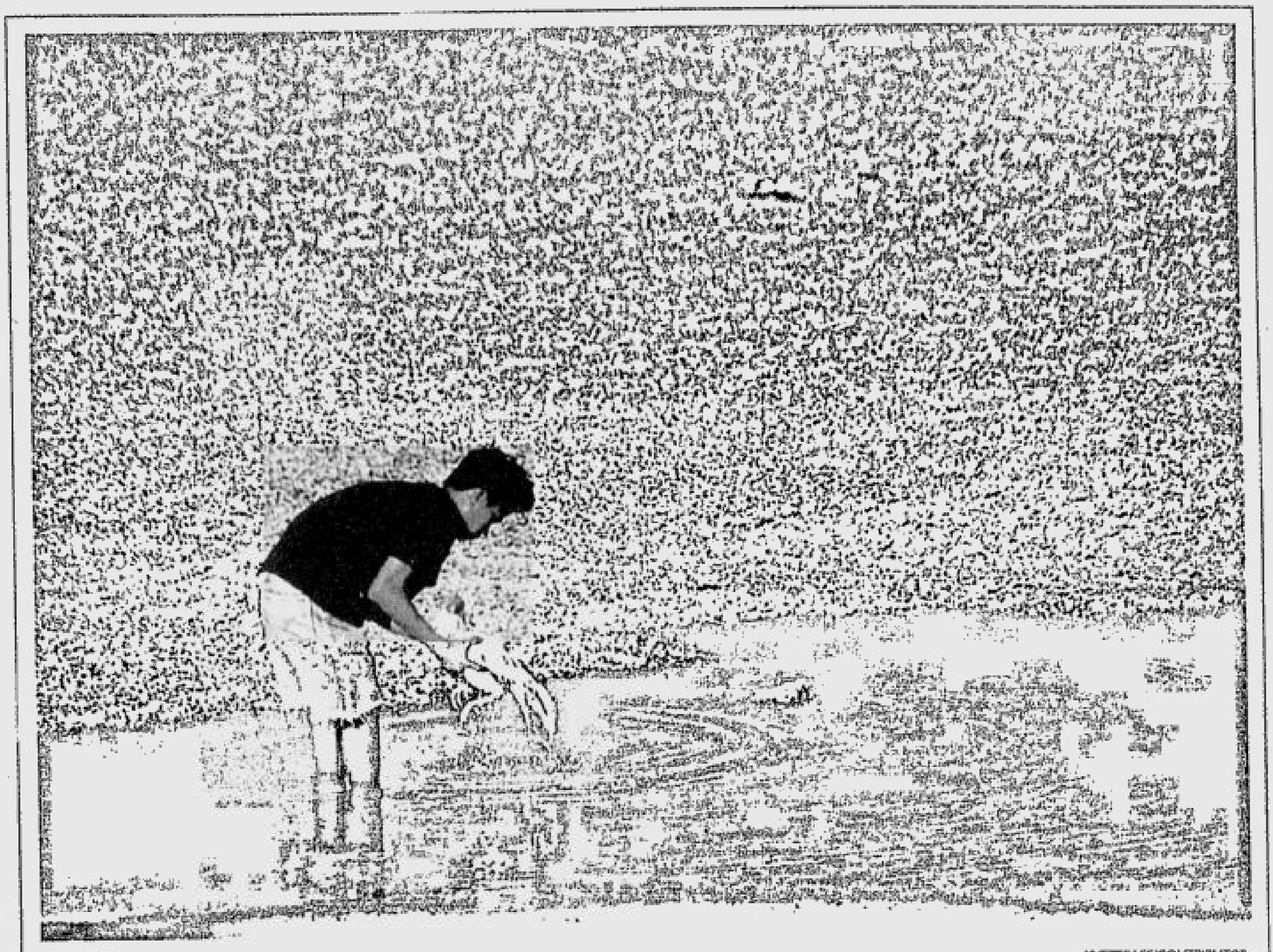
"After voting, election personnel would bring the paraphernalia to Cotabato City schools for counting and canvassing," he said.

Ranking officials of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) in at least seven schools identified as counting centers here said they were worried about the safety of their children if the Comelec pushed through with its plan.

"Imagine hundreds and maybe even thousands of supporters and watchers of candidates for regional assemblymen, governor and vice governor surrounding the campuses during class days," said one parent.

Sema said aside from projected violence, the tabulations would also disturb classes in schools where the ballots would be tallied.

Abalos and Marine Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, head of Task Force Hope (honest, orderly and peaceful elections) separately assured city residents that security measures were in place and that a Marine battalion would be deployed to the city to act as peacekeeper. *Charlie Señase, Julie Alipala, Jeoffrey Maitem, Nash Maulana and Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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A man gives his rooster a bath at sea during low tide in Sipalay, Negros Occidental.

Australia gov't vows to continue aid in Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—Unfazed by the political unrest facing the country, the Australian government vowed to continue its education support program for Moro and Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in Mindanao.

D'Arcy Walsh, project director of the Australian-funded Basic Education Assistance for Mindanao (Beam), said Australian assistance will go on, whether or not there is a change in administration.

"We've survived the worst of 2003," Walsh said, recalling the Davao bombings which killed over 36 people here, when most of the Australians in the country were asked to stay in their main office in Manila.

"Now, we don't think that the political unrest in the country has any bearing at all in any of the projects we're carrying out in over 16 indigenous communities in the remotest areas here," Walsh added.

The Australian-funded Beam project caters mostly to Moro and IP communities in the remote areas in Mindanao not easily reached by government services.

This year, over 300 out-of-school youths covered by the project's modular self-learning systems are going to take the nonformal education exams in February next year that will entitle them to a high school certificate, said Rufina Villacorte, Beam access program coordinator for Southern Mindanao.

She said the certificate will pave the way for the former high school drop-outs to go to college or find jobs.

Romeo Vergara, 16, who has dropped out of school three years ago because his parents could no longer shoulder the rising cost of education, is looking forward to the exams. "I hope I will pass the test because it will open doors for me," he said.

Vergara has been going over the Beam's modular self-learning systems in the last six months.

Beam is also providing assistance to schoolchildren doing work outside school and who are having difficulty coping with school.

"They're victims of child labor, some are selling *pandesal* early morning, and have been found by the Department of Education to have learning deficiencies in school. To address this, we're giving them the modular self-learning system to catch up in school," Villacorte said.

Walsh said the Beam project targets low income groups in the most depressed communities, with very low performance indicators and high drop out rates and very poor access to basic education.

"These are children who needed to walk several kilometers just to go to school," he said. *Germelina Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

72 deported by US gov't arrive in Clark

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—The United States deported 72 Filipinos who arrived aboard a chartered North American Airlines plane here at past noon Thursday, the Department of Social Welfare and Development confirmed on Friday.

Their arrival brought to almost 2,000 the total number of Filipinos deported via Clark.

The recent batch included illegal aliens or those sentenced to serve jail terms for various crimes, it was learned.

According to the DSWD, US Immigration and Naturalization Service personnel immediately turned over the deportees to Department of Foreign Affairs officials here.

It was not known if they were handcuffed or shackled, a treatment protested by organizations of Filipino migrant workers. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

BABYSIT TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

A woman babysits her child as she attends a recent protest rally against President Macapagal-Arroyo in Baguio City.

Start of SLEx upgrade sought to boost South Luzon trade

BATANGAS CITY—Batangas Rep. Hermilando Mandanas (2nd District) has called for the implementation of the South Luzon Expressway (SLEx) modernization project "at the soonest time possible," saying it would serve as a development catalyst for the region.

The SLEx rehabilitation and upgrading project includes the rehabilitation of the Alabang Viaduct (TR1) to conform to international highway safety standards and the seismic code, the upgrading and widening of the South Luzon toll road from Alabang to Calamba City (TR2) and the extension from Calamba City to Sto. Tomas, Batangas, connecting to Lipa City, also in Batangas, by way of the existing STAR Highway.

Mandanas, who chairs the House special committee on Southern Tagalog development, pushed for the project during a public hearing of the committee on Tuesday.

He said the project should now start and at the least cost to the public.

"We hope that the national agencies concerned such as the Philippine National Construction Corp., the Department of Public Works and Highways and the Toll Regulatory Board, as well as the private sector partner, will continue doing everything they can to expedite the project," Mandanas said.

He also pointed out during the hearing that the SLEx modernization will complement the modernization of the Batangas International Port, making the region a truly major industrial, agricultural and tourism gateway linking Metro Manila to other parts of the Philippines and other countries.

PNCC president Noel Kintanar explained to the committee that construction would immediately start as soon as the Supplemental Toll Operating Agreement (Stoa), which is currently being reviewed by the Toll Regulatory Board, is approved.

Kintanar added that the private sector partner, Hopewell Crown Infrastructure Inc., which is now controlled by MTD Equity Sdn. Bhd., will shoulder the project cost without any government funding and without the need of government guaranty. *Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Zuce spoke of millions for defecting, says partner

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said yesterday, recounting conversations with Zuce.

Ernesto "Butch" Paquingan said in media interviews that Zuce had been talking to him since the opposition allegedly began making overtures to Zuce in February. He said Zuce had invited him to join him in his defection, saying "there was money involved," but that he turned it down.

In public statements this week, Zuce referred to Paquingan as his partner in special operations allegedly mounted to enlist the support of supervisors and regional directors in President Macapagal-Arroyo's 2004 election campaign.

Paquingan told the INQUIRER that in telephone conversations and text messages Zuce narrated that the opposition had been offering him P4 million to P5 million. At some point, Paquingan said the amount Zuce mentioned ballooned to P20 million, apparently in an effort to entice him.

Zuce testified before the Senate Wednesday that he witnessed an appeal for help by Ms Arroyo to election officials during a meeting in her house in La Vista, Quezon City, four months before last year's vote and that money from the wife of an illegal gambling lord was later handed out after the President had left.

Paquingan described himself as a political consultant for opposition Sen. Serge Osmeña during the 2001 election. He said Osmeña allowed him to campaign for Ms Arroyo during last year's balloting.

Paquingan said his task was to protect Ms Arroyo's votes. He said he knew Zuce, had been with him on two political trips before the elections, but denied they were partners in special operations.

"What he's saying are lies. He wasn't doing special operations as he had claimed, he was only sleeping at the Dynasty Court Hotel in Cagayan de Oro where he stayed for about a week, and when he was in Iligan, he was only drinking coffee at Elena Tower," Paquingan said.

Paquingan pointed out that Ms Arroyo lost in the region. He also denied claims that he received a Pajero for the election campaign.

The ultimate reason

Paquingan said money was the ultimate reason why Zuce jumped ship.

"He was always borrowing money from so many people. He even borrowed P300,000 from me but I did not lend him because I don't have the amount," Paquingan said.

ZUCE LYN RILLON

Paquingan said Zuce had been calling his friends in Mindanao to support him, particularly those whom he thought could bolster his "lies."

Paquingan said former Comelec Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano of the "Hello, Garci" controversy was a friend and that they both belonged to the Knights of Rizal, but he denied that he was party to any special operations to rig the polls.

He said was willing to talk before the Senate to clear his name.

Rey Sumalipao, provincial election supervisor of Lanao del Sur last year, also denied in an interview Zuce's statement about the La Vista meeting and payoff.

Attendance list

Sumalipao, who is now Comelec's assistant regional director for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, said a meeting of Mindanao election officials took place in a hotel in Manila sometime in January 2004. He could no longer remember the name of the hotel but said the officials were in Manila to submit the list of Mindanao candidates to the central office.

"We made use of that opportunity for the organizational meeting of all provincial election supervisors of Mindanao," he said.

He said the attendance sheet was attached by Zuce's to his affidavit as the list of officials who attended the La Vista meeting.

Not stupid

"We are lawyers. We are not stupid to make evidence of ourselves in an irregularity," Sumalipao stressed.

He also admitted seeing Zuce once in Garcillano's office. He said he recalled meeting Zuce when he saw him on television.

Sumalipao said Zuce's "lies" were "designed to let the Comelec succumb to people who intend to grab power."

Dy finally breaks silence …

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of the Commission on Elections present for help in her election bid. He also said Lilia Pineda, wife of alleged jueteng lord Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda, distributed envelopes containing P30,000 each to the Comelec officials after Ms Arroyo had left the gathering at the lower level of her house.

Interpretation

Sen. Manuel Villar Jr., who co-chairs the Senate inquiry into jueteng, told reporters yesterday he had sent summons to Dy at his known Manila residence to appear at the resumption of the investigation on Wednesday.

Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano of Taguig-Pateros speculated that Dy's statement indicated his testimony would be against Ms Arroyo.

"What kind of testimony needs security in our nation? If he's going to testify in favor of the President, would he need security," said Cayetano, spokesperson for the House impeachment team.

"We cannot say anything direct about his statement because we don't know what he will say aside from his statement that he would not allow himself to be used by anyone and he would not engage in politicking," said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye.

Bunye maintained that the President was not worried at what Dy had to say. "We do not fear any adverse or heavy criticisms against the President because we believe the truth is on the side of the President."

"Who's Governor Dy," former President Fidel Ramos snapped at a reporter who asked for comment. "If you deal with speculations all the time, you will have a best-selling newspaper but are you helping fight poverty?"

Testimony for truth

In his statement, Dy said he would testify "if at all, only at the proper forum and in accordance with the duly constituted processes." He said he would not turn his back on his obligation and right to uphold the people's will "on who should lead the country."

"Be assured, I will not allow myself to be used by anybody with vested interest because only the truth and national interest are my guide," he said.

Dy also distanced himself from his golf buddies, former Rep. Luis "Baby" Asistio and former Sen. Vicente Sotto III, to whom he reportedly told the secret of the La Vista meeting.

"At the outset, I've not authorized anyone to speak in my behalf regarding the various issues that have arisen these past few days," Dy said.

The former governor also dissociated himself from lawyer Frank Chavez, who flew to California to get his deposition and declared in radio interviews that Dy had made up his mind about testifying.

"I have not authorized anyone to serve as my legal counsel relative to my purported testimony in connection with meetings that took place at the President's residence at La Vista in Quezon City," he said.

Asked how Dy would respond to an official invitation from the Senate, Aggabao said: "As he had stated, he would study well how he's going to act on this." *With reports from Philip C. Tubeza, Dona Z. Pazzibugan, Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Juliet Labog-Javellana and Leila B. Salaverria*

Caring for bawling bagman is tough

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"This is [harder] than taking care of a baby [wherein] you only have to buy diapers [and other baby stuff]. What do I do with this one?" Santos said, referring to the task of taking care of a grown man who supposedly received threats from jueteng operators all over the country.

GMA supporter

Santos, who admitted being a supporter of President Macapagal-Arroyo and who mobilized 5,000 people to attend the pro-Arroyo rally on July 16, told the INQUIRER that he alone is financially supporting—board and lodging included—his old friend Garcia who had asked for his help on Monday.

He said that neither First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo nor anybody from the opposition was behind Garcia's apparent flip-flopping.

He added that he was also the one who financed the news conference on Thursday afternoon, wherein Garcia revealed that Sen. Panfilo Lacson forced him to link the First Family with jueteng payoffs at the Senate hearing and that San Juan Rep. Ronaldo Zamora was forcing him to do the same in the impeachment case.

"The administration can't reach those who are already in the hands of the opposition. To say that he was paid off by the administration is difficult," Santos said.

No help from Mike A

He was reacting to reports that Garcia quit as jueteng witness after being offered money by the administration for himself and for his family.

"[He] approached me and asked for my help," Santos said.

He noted that Garcia waited three days before he finally decided to come out with his revelations that he had been manipulated by the opposition in the Senate hearings to cast serious doubts on the integrity of Ms Arroyo and her family.

"Until the last moment, I asked him if he was sure that this was what he wanted to do. He told me he wanted to be able to breathe easy and [get things off] his chest," Santos said.

He added that despite the financial demands of having to take care of Garcia, he found it unnecessary to bring the erstwhile jueteng bagman to the First Gentleman or anybody from the administration.

"There are speculations [that Garcia had been bought] yet he is not receiving any assistance from the administration. What more if we approached [the administration and asked for help]," Santos said.

Last Wednesday, the day before Garcia's turnaround, he phoned fellow witnesses Wilfredo "Boy" Mayor and Sandra Cam, saying he had just received an offer from the First Gentleman.

"He said he was at the Century Park Hotel and he had this bag full of money in front of him," Cam told the INQUIRER yesterday. "He said it was offered to him by his best friend who works for the First Gentleman."

'Manna from heaven'

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez described Garcia's decision to apologize to Ms Arroyo for linking some of her relatives to jueteng as "manna from heaven."

Asked whether the Palace had anything to do with the confessed jueteng bagman's turnaround, Gonzalez said they had no inkling of what Garcia was going to do.

"His statement caught me by surprise when I saw it on television," he said.

Administration Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago yesterday warned her colleagues in the opposition that they risked facing criminal charges for coaching Garcia to "embroider " his testimony before the Senate jueteng investigation.

"If Garcia's TV statement is taken at face value, in effect he implies that certain opposition senators might be liable for two crimes. The first is the crime of inciting to sedition and the second is the crime of offering false testimony in evidence," said Santiago, a former judge and UP law professor.

This immediately drew snickers from the opposition.

"She needs to go back to law practice to be able to talk sensibly again," Lacson said.

No retraction

"To begin with, what false testimony was offered by senators? Number two, elements needed to compose crime were not present. Good try anyway," Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said.

Pimentel denied Garcia's statement that they met at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel before Garcia appeared in the Senate.

Sen. Serge Osmeña said that in his "very long crying spell," Garcia never retracted his testimony.

"He certainly did not recant. He reiterated that he was not taking back any part of his testimony. He apologized to the President for telling the truth. He said he told the whole truth so maybe Senator Santiago did not do her homework there," Osmeña said.

Pimentel, Osmeña and Sen. Manuel Villar, chair of the Senate public order committee conducting the jueteng inquiry, downplayed Garcia's turnaround. They said he was a minor witness compared to Cam and Michaelangelo Zuce who offered first-hand accounts of jueteng money changing hands. *With Armand N. Nocum, Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Juliet Labog-Javellana*

PNP reconciles warring clans in ARMM

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

FINALLY, they have kissed and made up.

Most of the warring families and clans, whose rivalry had triggered a spate of violence in the ARMM over the years, have finally patched things up—that is if the Philippine National Police is to be believed.

The reconciliation is expected to make sure the elections on Monday will remain peaceful, PNP spokesperson Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil said.

He said out of the original list of more than 600 ongoing family feuds in the region, only 40 remain unsolved.

"We expect that the election will be orderly and peaceful," ARMM regional police director Chief Supt. Sukarno Ikbala also said yesterday.

The efforts to unite warring clans in the region began last year. Ikbala said the police sought the help of local leaders and officials who have contacts with the families involved.

"We have a list of rival families. We assigned certain officers to facilitate each feud with the help of local leaders and community elders," Ikbala said.

The reconciliation process took weeks, even months in some families, depending on the seriousness of the feud—that is based on the number of family members killed or the availability of funds to pay off each other, based on an old tradition in the region.

To make sure the reconciliation is sincere and lasting, the involved families were asked to sign a covenant in front of soldiers, policemen and other authorities.

Police have identified 115 areas of immediate concern in the region: 53 of which are in Maguindanao, 58 in Lanao Sur and four in Tawi-Tawi. At least 600 areas were identified as areas of concern.

The police alert level nationwide will be raised to heightened status starting today while alert level at the ARMM will be raised to full alert status for the elections on Monday, Bataoil said.

Ikbala said eight candidates are running for governor while nine candidates are running for vice governor. There are 112 candidates for the 24 assemblyman slots.

Election cheating in ARMM a thriving 'cottage industry'

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of those assigned in Luzon or other parts of the country."

He expressed confidence next Monday's polls will be credible, but also said "some imperfections" may also happen.

When interviewed earlier, Garcillano expressed doubts the Comelec could clean up the voters registration list in the ARMM, where poll irregularities have allegedly become a "cottage industry."

'Mission impossible'

The massive filing of cases against ARMM double registrants was "unprecedented, a first in the (64-year) history" of Comelec, Sadain said.

Some Comelec old-timers were quick to call the initiative "mission impossible." Since the body's track record has been marked by more setbacks than milestones, they could be forgiven their doubts.

But Comelec officials were undeterred, turning up the heat in a brave attempt to transform the ARMM into an electoral Utopia.

The double registrants' mischief, among other factors, had bedeviled the results of recent elections in the ARMM, a region mired in high levels of poverty, poor delivery of basic services, low level of productivity and very unstable peace and order conditions.

Lowest human dev't

A report of the House of Representatives' congressional planning and budget department called the ARMM "the region with the lowest level of human development in the country."

ARMM remains dependent on national government appropriations and has failed to achieve a degree of self-sufficiency that would characterize its autonomy.

According to Abalos, most of the double registrants "may have been deeply impoverished, but that doesn't give them the excuse to make a mockery of election laws."

At this writing, the Comelec has already brought to court some 10,000 double registrants from the ARMM.

"We'll proceed with the investigation of 30,000 other cases," said Abalos. "I know we have a limited number of jails down there, but that's the concern of the Philippine National Police."

Sadain said he would "rather see those double registrants blacklisted and banned from future electoral exercises than locked up in jail. Since we have only a few lawyers, it's the Department of Justice who will prosecute."

It will not be easy, but Sadain strongly believes "it can be done."

Garcillano had claimed the Comelec has "always been serious about this."

"In 1996, we tried more or less the same thing in Sulu. We managed to send two or three people to jail. There were no judges in Sulu during that time. Lack of resources was another problem," he recalled.

Credibility questioned

The Comelec brushed aside warnings of possible sectarian violence resulting from the initiative, supposedly one of several reforms being put forward by the poll body in an attempt to regain the nation's respect.

In early 2004 the commission's credibility was put into question when the Supreme Court nullified a P1.3-billion contract for the automated counting of votes.

The Comelec had violated the law and its own bidding rules, said the high tribunal.

Abalos insisted the Comelec initiative would finally lay to rest the ghosts of past ARMM elections.

Double registration

Double registration is a criminal offense listed under Batas Pambansa 881, otherwise known as the "Omnibus Election Code of 1985."

The Comelec has in its possession the necessary evidence—"thousands of voters' fingerprints and pictures"—secured through the Voters' Validation System or VSS it had conducted shortly before the May 2004 polls.

During the May 2001 elections, only 11,007 voters from the ARMM cast their votes. But the number did not tally with the "actual votes cast and canvassed (by the Comelec)" which totaled 596,070.

It has become a "strange phenomenon" that remote areas like those in the ARMM come up with unusually high voter turnouts which sometimes more than double the national average, said Comelec insiders.

Special operations

Incidentally, "these are the same areas where so-called 'special operations' for candidates for national office were conducted, whether presidential, senatorial or party-list. While it's difficult to detect poll fraud in the senatorial contest because voters are allowed to choose several bets, dagdag-bawas is glaring in the case of 'party-list candidates,'" said a Comelec old-timer.

Another Comelec insider said "unscrupulous EOs take advantage of the fact that some party-list groups cannot deploy watchers in these remote areas. So they are left to manipulate election returns that are reflected in the padded provincial SOVs and COCs, which in turn are submitted for tabulation to the national board of canvassers. As a result, votes of party-list groups that did not employ poll manipulators are shaved to show a semblance of regularity in the tabulation process."

"Despite some complaints, no charges have been brought against erring election officers," said the same source.

Both Sadain and Garcillano confirmed that some Comelec EOs were part of the problem.

But "only a few field personnel can be considered rotten eggs," asserted lawyer Renato Magbutay, the body's point man in the ARMM.

Magbutay blamed "some unscrupulous politicians for the growing number of double registrants here. They manipulate voters." He did not name names for obvious reasons.

Prized possession

In many ARMM areas, "a political position is almost like a prized possession. Once you're already in position you're not likely to be dislodged anymore. Some people will do everything in their power to keep that position, including cheating during elections," according to Sadain.

For nearly four years, Region 12 was under Sadain's supervision. "But it came to a point where I had to give up and ask somebody else to take over. *Magulo talaga* (Too messy)."

The Jolo, Sulu native had observed ARMM elections when he was with the academe.

Sadain said "the environment in the ARMM has always been ripe for poll irregularities. Many of the towns are far-flung. They're not under the watchful eyes of media. In Sulu, people claim they have honest elections in Jolo, the capital town. But once you go to the remote municipalities, even those which are only a few kilometers outside the capital it's already another story."

The ARMM, he said, "will always be a problem as long as there are local folk who allow politicians to manipulate them."

"There should be a complete re-education of everybody," Sadain added. *(To be continued)*

Skyscraper refugee homeward-bound soon

By Tarra V. Quismundo

RUNNING out of strength while flying on a wounded left wing, a wild bird found itself out of place in a city of skyscrapers a month ago.

But before time ran out, an ailing Great Eared Night Jar, found the path closer to home yesterday when the Makati Department of Environmental Services (DES) turned the bird over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Wildlife Rescue Center.

It was the first reported sighting of this type of bird in Metro Manila. In the past, the rescue center would get at most five turnovers of Great Eared Night Jars, nocturnal birds who survived by eating insects.

"The bird has shown signs of stress," said Val Felizardo, the center's resident veterinarian. "He will be placed under quarantine for 30 days."

Since early July, the wild bird, whom Felizardo described as a "mature" Night Jar, had been in the custody of Domateo Nanquil, a security guard at the Salcedo Place condominium on Tordesillas Street, Barangay Bel-Air.

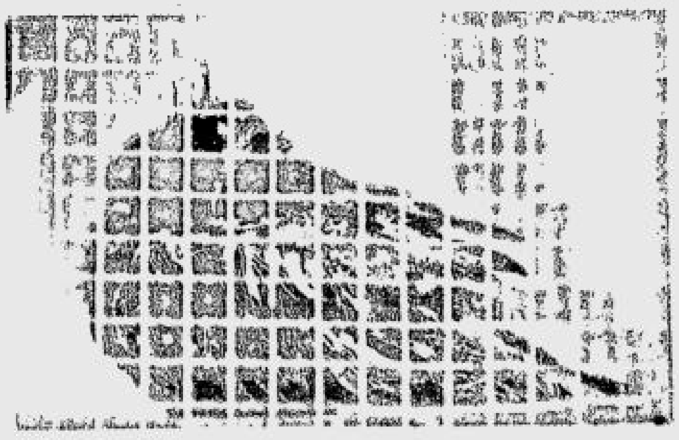
"One day, I just saw it flying into the lobby. That was around 11 a.m. It was very weak, and I saw that it had a wound on its left wing, so I took care of it," Nanquil told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Nanquil took the bird to a small canteen he runs with his wife Gina beside a parking lot on the corner of Ayala and Gil Puyat Avenue. The bird was held in a wire mesh cage that hung at the canteen's entrance beside the road. The couple later named the bird *Lawiswis*, a Filipino term to describe the sound of leaves swaying.

"A friend told me about the bird, and I arranged the turnover to the DENR," said Moises Camacho, head of the DES Parks and Green Division. Camacho, a member of the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines, said a fellow member, Alex Tiongco, saw the caged bird when he passed by Nanquil's canteen last month. Tiongco, who knew his birds, relayed what he saw to club president Mike Lu. It was Lu who told Camacho about the Night Jar.

"The bird may have come from a place nearby which has a forest cover or a mountain," said Felizardo. "Most Night Jars would usually leave their habitat to look for food. The city setting is really stressful for them, so they need to be returned to their natural habitat."

Felizardo said *Lawiswis* would be released after his wing heals and he has fully recovered from the trauma of living in a new environment.



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THIS wounded Great Eared Night Jar is now recovering at the Wildlife Rescue Center. The bird was found earlier in a Makati condo.

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Robbers are 'going up' in the world

By Tarra V. Quismundo

MAKATI robbers have reached new heights, so to speak, with the emergence of "*akyat*-condominium" gangs.

Inspector Marlon Almoguerra, chief of the Makati Police Department's (MDP) Theft and Robbery Section, said the gang took advantage of moments when a security guard at a building's lobby was distracted.

Anybody home?

Its members would then slip into the building and look for units whose owners were not at home.

On Wednesday, a burglary was reported at the Prince Tower Condominium on Tordesillas Street, Barangay Bel-Air.

Destroyed lock

Initial investigation showed the robbers destroyed the door lock of Unit 1008, which was empty, and carted away an undetermined amount of valuables.

"There have been around 10 cases of '*akyat*-condominium' robberies, mostly in the Central Business District since January," said Almoguerra.

Some 54 cases of robbery were reported between January and June, as many as the cases reported in the same period last year.

Almoguerra said the gang's modus operandi was to send a member to a target condominium between lunch time and nightfall, while the rest waited outside.

Carrying fake identification cards, the robber, usually carrying a bag, would casually approach the reception desk and make up a reason for being there, even choosing a unit at random, said Almoguerra.

But this was resorted to only if they could not sneak past the guards.

Small items

Once allowed to go up the building, the robber would look for an unattended unit, break in and steal valuables.

"Robbers usually take items that are easy to put in pockets, not really big ones," Almoguerra added. They would usually take cash, jewelry, wallets, and cellular phones."

Precautions

The police official said condominium security people could avoid such incidents by calling up unit owners to check if they were expecting visitors, before letting in anybody.

He said security guards should also be wary of visitors carrying simple computer-printed IDs, with obviously digitally copied company logos.

Lie detector isn't for everyone

By Nancy C. Carvajal

TOP POLICE officials directed recently all investigators to give suspects a polygraph or lie detector test only after their involvement in a crime has been established in a preliminary investigation.

The Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM) issued the memorandum after noting that many people sent to the crime laboratory had not undergone preliminary investigation or were made to appear like they were under investigation, to avoid the payment of laboratory fees. For non-official inquiries, the crime laboratory charges P450 per examination.

The DIDM said the polygraph test should only be given to those directly involved in a criminal investigation and identified as probable suspects.

It warned that any investigator caught concealing, distorting or making a false entry in the police blotter would be charged with grave misconduct.

The practice, the directive said, affected the ability of the crime laboratory in providing faster forensic and technical support to investigators.

Investigators, the DIDM said, should not "lump together" all suspected persons, including those that had not been questioned thoroughly. Investigators were also reminded that the test should not be an alternative to actual police investigation in establishing probable cause to indict a suspect.

The DIDM directive said the polygraph test was only a tool, not a substitute for an investigation.

Smuggled prescription drugs up for auction

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) is handing over millions of pesos worth of smuggled dangerous drugs to the Bureau of Customs (BOC) for public auction.

The medicines, including regulated drugs Valium and Stilnox, were seized from Pakistani nationals.

The Pakistanis were arrested for storage and possession of the illegal substances, according to NBI Special Task Force chief lawyer Reynaldo Esmeralda.

"The suspects smuggled the drugs from their home country where medicines are cheaper. These are then sold to small drug stores here," Esmeralda said.

NBI-STF agents nabbed Salim Shehzad Khan, 47, of No. 9202B Catmon St., San Antonio Village, Makati City last Tuesday for selling the regulated tranquilizers Valium, Stilnox and Mogadon.

Bureau operatives arrested Pakistani Sami Amanullah three weeks ago in Parañaque City for storing and selling Valium and assorted medicines.

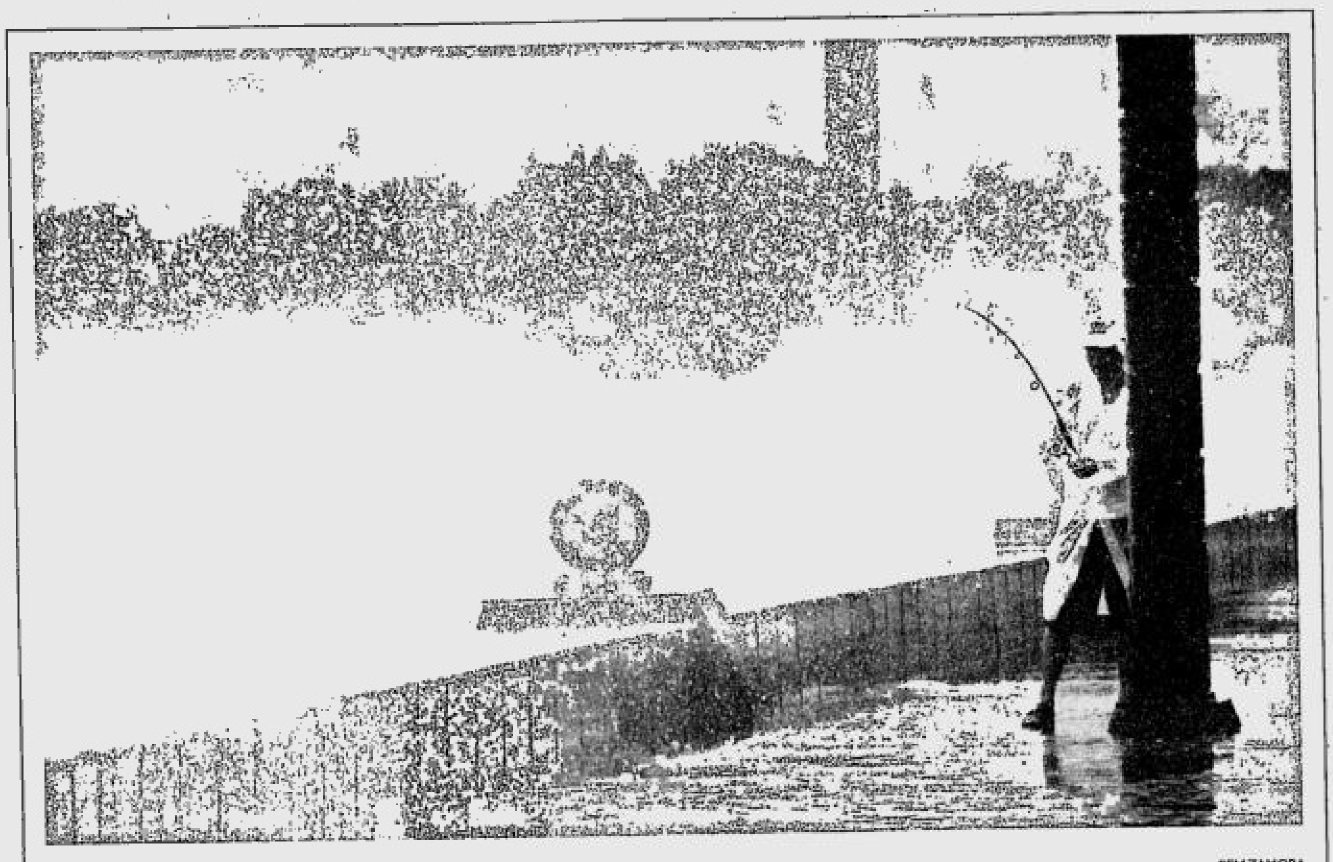
Warrant

Esmeralda said they would ask the BOC to issue a warrant of seizure and detention for the P2 million worth of drugs in the custody of the NBI.

"There will be a hearing for forfeiture proceedings, then a public auction will follow," Esmeralda said.

The NBI official said 30 percent of the proceeds would go to informants who had tipped them about the Pakistanis' illegal activities.

"The rest of the money would go to the government," Esmeralda said.



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STORMY WEATHER
A man tries his hand at fishing along Manila Bay despite the heavy rains brought about by a typhoon spotted by weathermen yesterday.

The anatomy of whistle-blowing

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

WHISTLE-BLOWER Richard Garcia, crying while holding a microphone and accusing the opposition of forcing him to link some members of President Macapagal-Arroyo's family to the jueteng racket, is not a new scene.

It has become common in this country to see somebody accusing somebody else of wrongdoing and then retracting.

The citizenry has developed a "whistle-blower fatigue." Citizens withhold their belief on accusations of wrongdoings against public officials. Citizens just listen to the accusations for the drama they bring to the ordinary man's humdrum existence.

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In the early 1990s, a police investigator, SPO2 Eduardo delos Reyes, accused then Chief Supt. Panfilo Lacson and other high-ranking police officials of carrying out the infamous Kuratong Baleleng rubout.

Eleven suspected members of the notorious Kuratong Baleleng bank robbery gang were shot dead by Lacson's men in Quezon City in what was announced as a shootout.

Delos Reyes squealed on his colleagues. The media had a field day recording Delos Reyes' every word of how the extra-judicial execution took place. Delos Reyes said his sense of righteousness prodded him to come out and denounce the murder.

But then he disappeared. When he resurfaced, he was already in Canada. He said he just made up the story and that he was sorry.

But what prompted Delos Reyes to retract? A police officer whose identity I cannot divulge told me he was given the assignment to make Delos Reyes retract.

He said Ping Lacson asked him to talk to Delos Reyes, as my source and Delos Reyes belong to a religious sect. Members of this religious sect are so closely-knit that one would accommodate another member's request.

My source said he offered Delos Reyes a safe haven in Canada plus money to make him and his family live comfortably in his new environment.

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But my source said he now regrets he did Ping Lacson a favor.

Lacson, he said, didn't return the favor when he became chief of the Philippine National Police.

"Walang utang na loob yan (He has no sense of gratitude) after what I did for him," were the exact words of my source about Lacson.

Lacson, my source said, made life miserable for him when Ping became PNP chief, forcing him into early retirement.

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In this country, every whistle-blower was paid to make the accusation against a government official. The enemies of the government official made the payment to the whistle-blower.

In the case of Delos Reyes, he was not given a share of the booty— US$2 million—that policemen confiscated from the 11 Kuratong members before they were killed. The same whistle-blower would retract his statement later after being paid off by the official that he accused of wrongdoing.

My source on Delos Reyes speculated that Richard Garcia retracted because Lacson et al. reneged on their promise to give him a financial reward for squealing.

That, in a nutshell, is the anatomy of whistle-blowing in this country.

Couple's search for missing dollars ends with turnover by BOC employee

By Nikko Dizon

A FILIPINO-American couple's year long search for their missing $1,900 in cash ended yesterday when the money was turned over to them by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia). Bernardo Bawiin, Sr. and his wife, Remedios, received their money from Naia Collector Ricardo Belmonte at the Naia customs arrival office.

The couple thanked BOC examiner Norieta Abarintos who found the money and had turned it over to her superiors. The couple, US residents for nearly 20 years, thought they had forever lost their hard-earned money when they visited Manila last year. Abarintos found the money at the Naia Customs arrival area, but the dollars were unclaimed until Bawiin's son read an INQUIRER story about the missing dollars, and relayed the good news to his parents in the US.

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NAIA District Collector Ricardo R. Belmonte (right) hands over $1,900 to Bernardo Bawiin. Customs Examiner Norieta Abarintos (second from left) found the money at Airport Terminal II last year.

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THE LOCAL police took one step closer to making Las Piñas City a safe place. After a chain of unsolved robberies struck the city's subdivisions from February to July, Las Piñas police have scoured the city for criminal elements as part of its aggressive operations against street crimes. The operations, as ordered by City Mayor Imelda Aguilar, resulted in the arrest of 11 persons involved in various robbery-holdup and snatching incidents and violations of illegal drugs law, said Supt. Josephus Angan, city police chief. In a report submitted by police to the mayor late last month, a total of 20 robbery cases were recorded from February to June alone.

Jocelyn R. Uy

Buen Suceso novena

THE AD Hoc Coordinating Council of the Cathedral Parish of St. Andrew, La Huerta, Parañaque City, invites all devotees of Nuestra Señora del Buen Suceso to novena Masses until Aug. 9 as a preparation for her feast on Aug. 10. This year's festivity will end on Sept. 8 with the commemoration of the coronation of Nuestra Señora del Buen Suceso. The five-week celebration includes a Marian exhibit, a procession and a concert.

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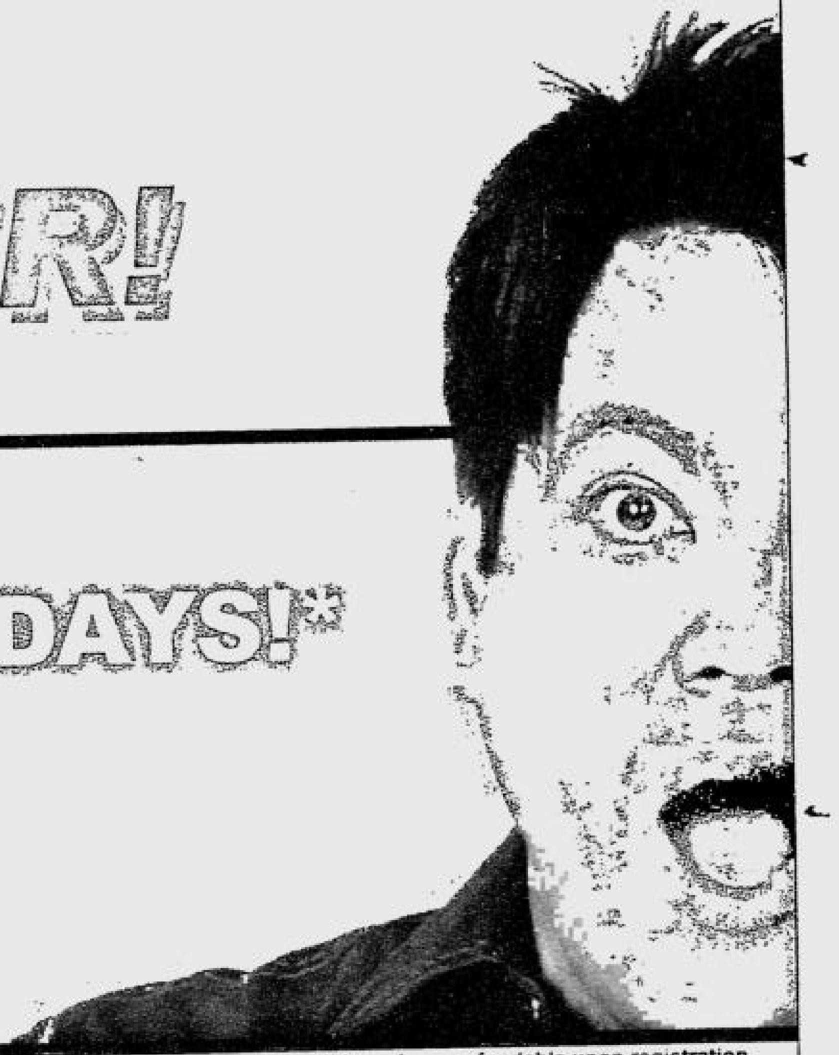

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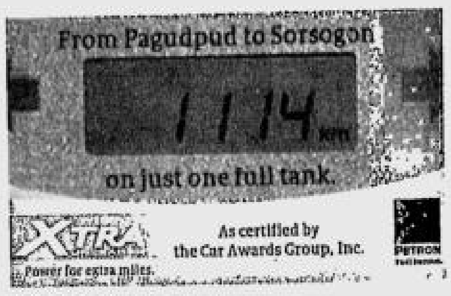

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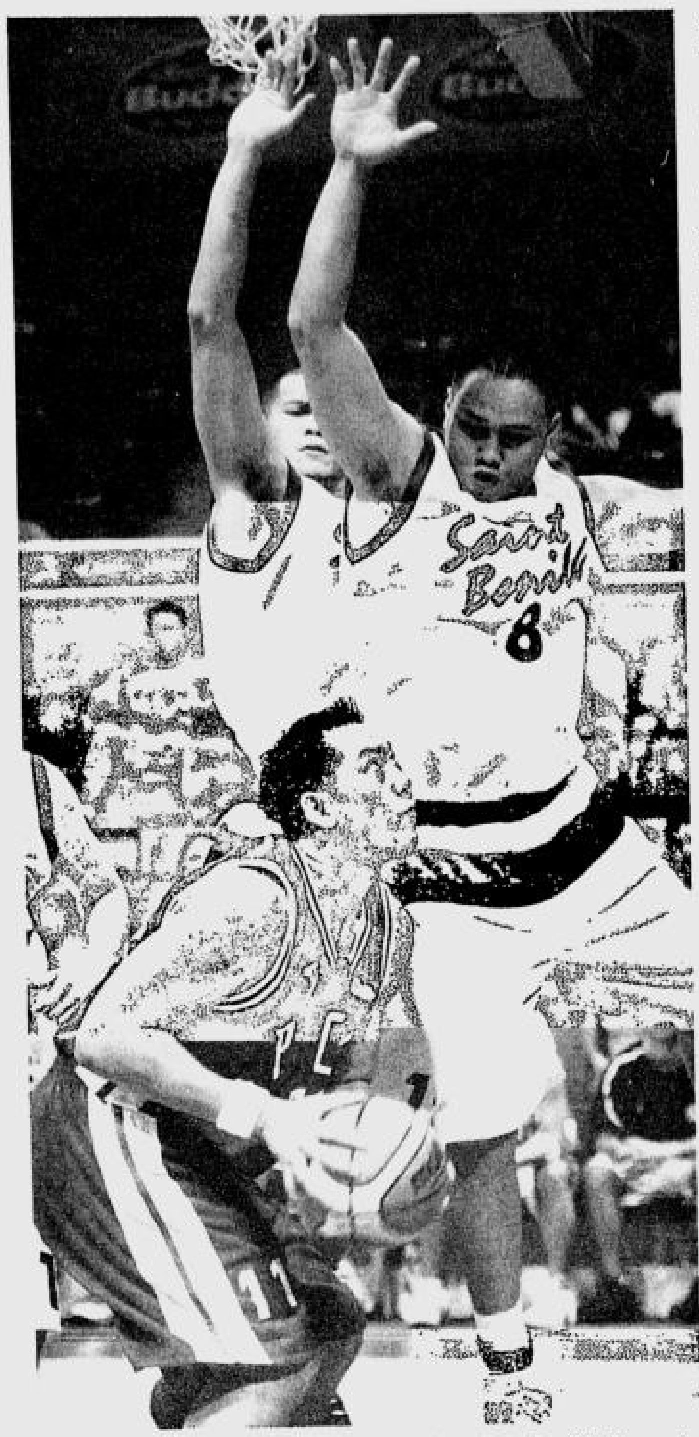

YENZ Salangsang of the PCU Dolphins fakes off St. Benilde Blazers' Jay Sagad in yesterday game at Cuneta Astrodome. RYAN LIM

Lions sustain surge; Dolphins top Blazers

By Jasmine W. Payo

IT HAS been two games since Koy Banal took over San Beda's coaching chores. And the Red Lions have never had it so good.

The rejuvenated Lions recovered from an early 11-point deficit and scraped past San Sebastian, 69-63, yesterday to string up their first back-to-back wins this season in the NCAA basketball tournament at the Cuneta Astrodome.

"I just looked for the common denominator in the team, which is faith in God and passion," said Banal, whose wards are suddenly in contention for a Final Four slot. "We were down by 11 in the first half but we never gave up. We're creating a positive attitude among the players."

The positive attitude has now given San Beda a 3-6 record, just a game below the 4-5 slate of the Stags, who are clinging to fourth place.

In the first game, Philippine Christian University bucked the sub-par performances of key players Gabby Espinas and Francis Sanz to trip St. Benilde, 62-58.

"Credit goes to our relievers today," said PCU coach Junel Baculi, citing the key performances of playmaker Derryl Santos and big men Carlos Cecilia, Beau Belga and Joel Solis. "We came out flat again in the first quarter. It was a lucky win."

The Dolphins rose to 7-2 while the Blazers dropped their sixth straight match and fell to 3-6.

The Lions were led by veteran forward Jerome Paterno, who had 15 points and seven rebounds. Highly touted rookie Ogie Menor added 11 markers and grabbed nine rebounds.

The Lions closed the third period with a 6-0 spurt to wrest the lead, 52-50, after trailing most of the first half.

The fourth period clearly belonged to the Lions as they coasted to 65-54 advantage, with four minutes remaining. They held on even as Leo Najorda pushed the Stags within three points, 66-63, with 18 seconds left.

In junior play, the Baby Dolphins posted only their second win in eight games after outclassing the Greenies, 67-60.

The scores:

First Game

PCU 62—Castro 17, Santos 11, Belga 9, Sanz 9, Cecilia 6, Solis 4, Espinas 4, Salangsang 2, Amparado 0, Retaga 0.

ST. BENILDE 58—Orbeta 12, Urra 11, Robles 10, Sagad 9, Manding 8, Cabatu 4, Layug 2, Porras 2, Trillo 0, Good 0, Morial 0.

Quarters: 15-16, 31-33, 48-39, 62-58

Second Game

SAN BEDA 69—Paterno 15, Menor 11, Baldivia 9, Aljamal 9, Gamalinda 7, Antonio 6, Angeles 3, Taganas 2, Cruz 2, Arbole 2, Maggay 2, Tirona 1, Tecson 0.

SSC 63—Najorda 20, Vicente 14, Aguilar 8, Viray 8, Lindaya 5, De Leon 4, Ballesteros 2, Quiamco 2, Santos 0, Delgado 0.

Quarters: 18-17, 30-37, 52-50, 69-63

SUSPENSION PLEA

Moying meets with Fiba boss

By Musong R. Castillo

THE HEAD of the new local caging body seeking to gain the recognition of the international basketball federation (Fiba) leaves for Hong Kong today for a crucial meeting with its powerful president.

Mauricio "Moying" Martelino is to meet with Fiba boss Carl Ching Menky with hopes of ironing out Philippine basketball's problems with the world governing body.

Martelino will be accompanied by Joey Romasanta, a co-incorporator of the newly-formed Philippine Basketballl Federation, which already enjoys the recognition of the Philippine Olympic Committee.

Martelino was busy renewing his passport with the Department of Foreign Affairs until late yesterday and refused to answer phone calls.

He is expected to present to Ching the pertinent papers documenting the suspension and, eventually, expulsion of the Basketball Association of the Philippines from the local Olympic body.

The PBFI is seeking the lifting of the Fiba suspension on the Philippines so that the country can resume sending teams to international events, including the Southeast Asian Games where the Philippines is the defending champion.

Martelino wrote Ching and Fiba secretary general Patrick Baumann three days ago to appeal the country's case.

The Fiba barred the Philippines from seeing action in international events sanctioned by the Fiba as a result of the POC's expulsion of the BAP.

The POC move resulted from the BAP's failure to adhere to "basic gentlemen's agreements" forged in two caging covenants in April.

Baumann later denied POC president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco's request for accommodation of an RP team in the Seaba championships in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, BAP president Joey Lina held a press conference in Cebu last night where he named Michel Lhuillier as vice president for the Visayas.

Michel Lhuillier is the estranged relative of Jean Henri Lhuillier, the BAP's erstwhile chief financial backer who heeded the POC decision and dropped all support to the cage body.

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PBA rookie camp today; Washington likely No. 1

By Francis Ochoa

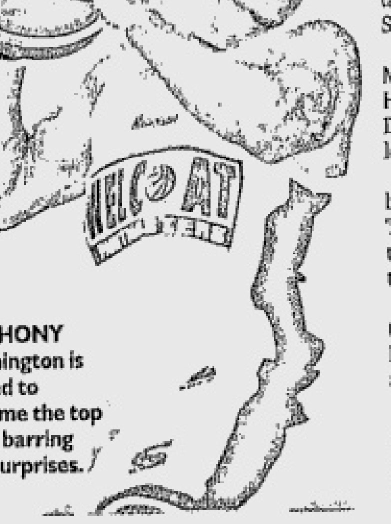
IT IS easy to be excited nowadays if you're Anthony Washington.

After all, with one team gone and the job openings fewer by at least 12 vacancies, it's always comforting to know you're one of the few rookies assured of a spot in the PBA.

Add to that the fact that there's the prospect of going No. 1.

All Washington has to do now to cement his status as the top pick is get through a two-day PBA rookie camp that starts today and show up for the Aug. 14 draft day to be the first name called.

"I've learned a lot playing in the national training pool for two months and I think that could help me prepare for the games ahead in the PBA," explained Washington, a 6-foot-7 forward noted for his rim-rattling dunks and three-point shooting, during yesterday's SCOOP sa Kamayan forum.



ANTHONY Washington is poised to become the top pick, barring any surprises.

FedEx picks first in the draft and the Express are likely to take in the Welcoat standout in the PBL. Unless, of course, somebody comes out with a big surprise in the rookie camp.

In 2003, a relatively unknown Harvey Carey impressed scouts in the rookie camp and his stock rose considerably, enough for Talk 'N Text to pick him fourth overall, ahead of eventual Rookie of the Year winner Jimmy Alapag, who was selected ninth.

The 54 aspirants, bannered by Washington, will show off their abilities and will also be measured in height, weight and wingspan.

Champion coaches Norman Black and Chot Reyes will man the camp.

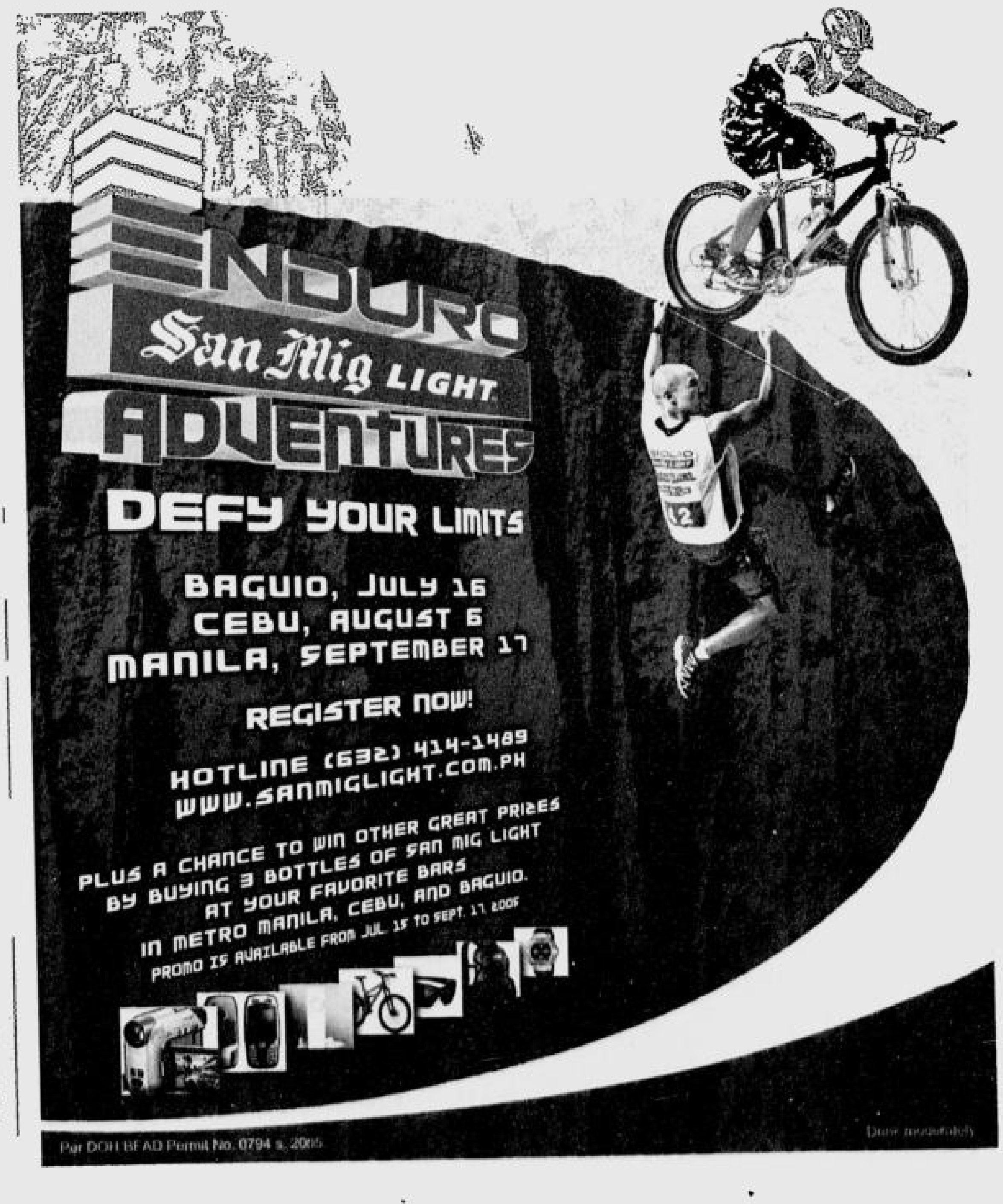
Black, the Ateneo coach in the UAAP, opens up the camp today at the Moro Lorenzo gym on the Ateneo campus from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Reyes, head mentor of the RP training pool will take charge of the second day at the Marikina Sports Complex from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The draft will be held at the Sta. Lucia East Mall, with the likes of Mac Cardona, Mike Holper, Alex Cabagnot, Jondan Salvador and Dennis Miranda battling for slots in the pro league.

Those slots have been greatly diminished by Shell's leave of absence. Not only did the Turbo Chargers lessen the job openings, but the dispersal of their players are expected to take a toll on the rookie draft.

The locals feel that the fewer openings give them a slight disadvantage compared to the Fil-Ams. But some of the Fil-Ams in the draft are not also so sure of their status.

"I'd be fortunate to make it to the second round of the draft," said Cabagnot, a friend of Ginebra superstar Mark Caguioa, who reportedly plays better than the 6-foot superstar.



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Cavite dribblers outsteady Manila in disputed match

CAVITE turned back Manila, 86-81, Thursday to improve its record to 7-5 in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the Pasay Sports Complex gym.

However, the Bacchus/Harbour Centre-supported Manila placed the game under protest after the two teams were slapped a double technical foul with 32.9 seconds left.

The referees first called a technical foul against Far Eastern Insurance-backed Cavite when Melvin Mamaclay failed to leave the court after he was substituted by Jay-Ar Estrada, causing a 10-minute stoppage. Both teams then stormed the hardcourt following the call, prompting the arbiters to slap that double technical.

Manila moved within one, 80-81, on Arjun Cordero's basket with 38.3 seconds left, but that turned out to be its last gallant stand as the Insurers proved steadier from the charity line.

The setback was the fourth straight for guest team Manila in the tournament supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Spring Cooking Oil, Sunbolt Sports Drink, Accel, Molten, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlits, Far Eastern Insurance, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam, KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang), Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday Plaza-Cebu.

Ex-pro Marvin Ortiguerra waxed hot from start to finish with his season-high 31 points for the Insurers of Bacoor Vice Mayor Edwin Malvar and strong supporter Gov. Ireneo "Ayong" Maliksi.

Ortiguerra sparked Cavite's big 11-0 comeback in the third quarter that wiped out Manila's 23-15 and 51-45 leads.

Action resumes today with the undermanned Laguna Spring of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro facing the dangerous Cagayan de Oro Stars of ex-Gov. Antonio Calingin at 5 p.m. at the Corpus Christi gym in Cagayan de Oro.

Spring will miss the services of Val Domingo, Marlon Kalaw, Mel Latoreno and Dondon Villamin, who will attend the PBA Rookie Camp.

The scores:

CAVITE 86—Ortiguerra 31, Sierra 15, Estrada 13, Mamaclay 6, Rodriguez 6, Abadia 6, Attunaga 6, Santos 3, Camanag 0, Codamon 0.

MANILA 81—Gamboa, Epondulan 16, Hardin 12, Reroma 7, Coyukang 6, Raushmayer 5, Enrile 5, Cordero 5, Sta. Cruz 5, Chua 4.

Quarters: 15-23, 45-51, 69-61, 86-81

UP Maroons try to halt Tamaraws' juggernaut

IS there any team that can stop the Far Eastern juggernaut?

The University of the Philippines Maroons will surely try when they clash against the league-leading Tamaraws today in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Tamaraws are gunning for a first-round sweep at 4 p.m., while the La Salle Archers will try to regain their winning form at 2 p.m. against the perennial doormat National University Bulldogs.

The Tamaraws have been unstoppable with their seasoned roster, led by 2004 Most Valuable Player Arwind Santos, forward Mark Isip and swingmen RJ Rizada and Jeff Chan.

Boasting the tallest lineup in the league—including 6-foot starting point guard Jonas Villanueva—opponents clearly struggle against the Tamaraws' low-post plays.

But after the Morayta-based crew subdued defending champion La Salle Archers, 69-62, last Sunday, the Tamaraws also showed that they can be deadly at the perimeter.

"We're improving on our outside shots, our three-pointers," said FEU mentor Bert Flores.

Maroons coach Lito Vergara is anticipating another dominating performance by the Tamaraws' first five.

"For sure, they're coming all out for the sweep," said Vergara.

Vergara said the Maroons must get their act together to be able to have a chance against the Tamaraws.

"The game plan is there but they're not following it," said Vergara, noting the Maroons' individualistic plays in their 77-61 win over the Adamson Falcons last Thursday.

Veteran forwards Abby Santos and Nestor David have been fueling the Maroons' offense, but it was rookie Axel Doruelo who paced the Maroons with 26 points and 13 rebounds against the Falcons.

"We're expecting their big men (to play strong)," said Flores.

The Archers fell to 3-3 despite their valiant effort against the Tamaraws. But they're clearly favored to pick up their fourth win in today's mismatch of an encounter.

Jasmine W. Payo

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UP	4	2
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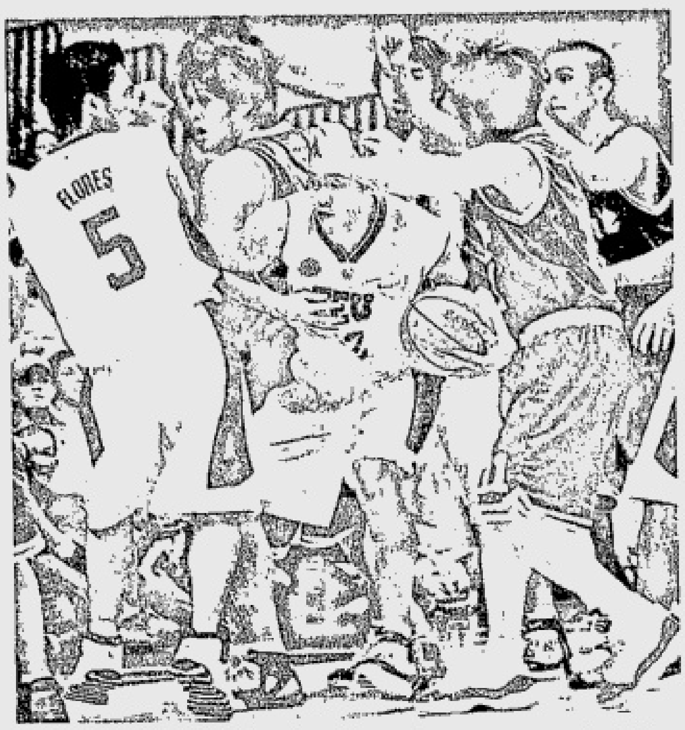
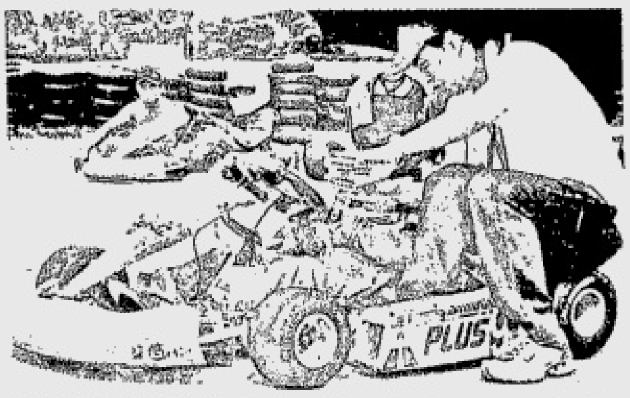


AUGUST DELA CRUZ

FAR Eastern's Mark Isip finds the low post crowded against La Salle.



ALESSANDRA Madrigal gets pointers from her personal coach, Allan Uy, during a recent stint in Malaysia.

RP karting princess moves up in class

ALESSANDRA Madrigal, the country's new karting princess, makes her debut in the KT 100 , class in the fifth round this weekend of the Shell Superkarting Series at the Enchanted Kingdom's Kart Track in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

The 9-year-old lead driver of Alessandra Racing is fresh off a series of international stints and keen on testing her skills in the next higher division following seven podium finishes in as many races in the past five months.

(See related story on A25)

Alessandra has been practicing daily at the Carmona Circuit since her team's arrival from Selangor last Monday.

And according to her personal coach Allan Uy, Allesandra's lap times are "very encouraging."

"It's her first time to join the KT Class but she's doing fast," said Uy of his ward. "She's matured as a driver after her successful stints abroad. This race will further gauge her skills as she goes up against older and more experienced rivals."

Alessandra, whose team is backed by ING Private Banking, Puma and Globe Gizmo and co-sponsored by Dickies, Petron Nissan Gallery and Ford Global City, has been creating quite a stir in the 85cc Class in Southeast Asia.

She won the National Karting Series and the Superkart Challenge in Thailand. In Malaysia, she also triumphed in two rounds each of the AAM Malaysian Karting Championship and the Plus Rotax Max Challenge.

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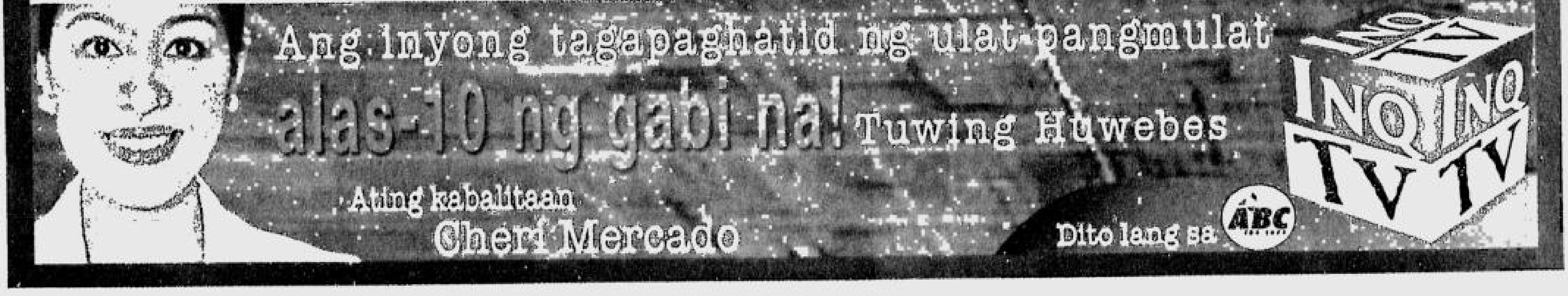

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Noli jumps gun on govs

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis

SHELL team manager-governor Bobby Kanapi finally broke his silence the day following the formal announcement of the ballclub's indefinite leave of absence in the PBA.

"My cellphone is out of the freezer, may I call you?" he texted.

"I certainly want to hear from you before you fade into the sunset," I texted back.

Now he could talk, but first, Bobby said he wanted to apologize to all the people whose calls and text messages he deliberately ignored while Shell's destiny hung in the balance.

"I'm sorry about that, I hope you understand," he said.

I said I did, immediately accepting his apology.

"Too bad negotiations with Harbour Centre fizzled out," he said, explaining that his major consideration in the deal was keeping the team intact even with a new owner.

"Ideally, I would've wanted to sell the franchise lock, stock and barrel, but this was not going to happen, so I backed out."

As soon as the decision was made, Bobby K set out to trade his players, a move some of his fellow governors found highly objectionable, farcical and immoral, although technically it was legit. They believe huge amounts of money was involved in the transactions.

"We said our goodbyes in a highly emotional get together—our last—the other day. Almost everybody wept, including my boss Romy de Guzman. I will miss the team and the PBA, around which I've built my life since I became team manager and governor," Bobby said.

If it's any consolation, the whole team, from coaching to utility staff, will receive separation pay. Players who were not traded will go to a dispersal pool.

Even with Shell out of the PBA, Bobby promised to keep his lines open and his cellphone out of the freezer from hereon.

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For sure a lot of people are dying to know what happened to the planned performance evaluation that was going to be conducted by the board on PBA commissioner Noli Eala during the meeting on Aug. 2 at the San Miguel Corp. offices in Pasig City.

From what I gathered, Noli jumped the gun on the governors, so to speak. He delivered a speech regarding his three-year performance and volunteered to submit an accomplishment report, even before the board could ask for one.

Frankly, I don't think there will ever be a vote of no confidence, perhaps in the next five years at least, if the PBA manages to stay afloat that long under his leadership. Not that this scenario has not been lingering in the minds of some governors. They just realized that Noli continues to enjoy the numbers.

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Since I was already in the area, I thought I'd drop by the office of senators Jinggoy Estrada and Lito Lapid at the Senate, if not to ask for their autographs, perhaps to inquire about the status of the latter's mediation between BAP president Joey Lina and POC president Peping Cojuangco . Lapid is chair of the committee on games, amusement and sports, where Jinggoy is a member. Very recently, he filed a resolution seeking for an inquiry on why the Philippines was banned by the Fiba from participating in a Fiba-sanctioned competition.

I found myself face-to-face with the movie heroes-turned-politicians right inside the session hall of the Senate. Both looked dashing in dark business suits.

Local filmdom's Leon Guerrero admitted he has been communicating with Lina and Cojuangco, in an effort to get the Fiba ban on the Philippines lifted. All that is needed, actually, is for POC to start recognizing the BAP again and everything will be hunky dory. Who knows, maybe the senator advised Lina to beg on his knees for reinstatement.

Anyway, the senator is optimistic that his objective (and almost every Filipino's) will be achieved in a week's time, without resorting to a Senate inquiry.

If nothing happens, the senators will be constrained to push through with the inquiry, for the sake of the millions of basketball loving Filipinos who are clamoring for that basketball gold medal in the SEA Games, where we are the defending champion.

Incidentally, if the ban continues, not only will the RP team miss action in the SEAG, the entire basketball event may also be scrapped altogether, because only the BAP has Fiba-licensed referees, table officials and other technical staff who can be utilized for the Games.

I guess egos are more important.

Comments to celishuddle@yahoo.com

Chinese officials punish players

BEIJING—Fourteen Chinese basketball players have been fined a total of more than $21,700 for attacking players from Puerto Rico in an incident that sports authorities called a national disgrace, news reports said Friday.

State media called the on-court violence on July 29 during the six-nation Stankovic Cup in Beijing a "night of shame" and said it damaged China's reputation in advance of the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Fighting erupted when two Chinese players rushed onto the court after a Puerto Rican player fouled a Chinese forward. Fans threw cups and other objects, forcing Puerto Rican players to shield their heads with upturned chairs as they left the court.

Referees cut short the game with one minute left, but China was awarded a 91-80 victory.

The Chinese Basketball Association fined 14 Chinese players and two administrators a total of $21,720, the China Daily newspaper said.

It said the two players who started the violence—captain Li Nan and center Mo Ke—were among four players fined $2,450.

Two team administrators received similar penalties.

Five other players were fined $1,200 and two players $245.

Phone calls Friday to the CBA headquarters weren't immediately answered.

"The fighting of China's national basketball team on the night of July 29 during a Stankovic Cup match with Puerto Rico is a severe infringement of game order, was of a malicious nature, and had a bad influence and grave result," the CBA was quoted as saying in a statement Thursday.

According to news reports, the statement told Chinese fans their behavior "smirched the image of China's national team and that of Beijing as the 2008 Olympics host."

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Tiger-Vijay war looms

TORONTO—Tiger Woods has crammed two more major titles into his trophy case this year but prying the US PGA Championship from the hands of Vijay Singh may be his most daunting challenge yet.

Having already grabbed back the world No. 1 ranking and the golfing spotlight from the Fijian, a resurgent Woods arrives in Baltusrol, New Jersey next week keen to add Singh's PGA crown to his wins at the US Masters and British Open.

A victory at the Baltusrol Golf Club would lift Woods' major total to 11 and reach another milestone moving him into a tie for second on the all-time list with Walter Hagen.

With Jack Nicklaus' record haul of 18 majors the yardstick by which Woods measures himself, it also will not be lost on the 29-year-old American that two of them were won on Baltusrol's tree-lined fairways.

"The PGA is the last major of the year so it will be exciting either way," said Woods, the winner of back-to-back PGA titles in 1999 and 2000. "Hopefully, I'll be playing well enough to get myself up there.

"I'm excited, I've played really well in the majors this year. Hopefully the PGA will be a culmination of that."

He was also second in the US Open in June at Pinehurst won by New Zealander, Michael Campbell.

While the PGA lacks the cache of the other three majors, it does not want for competition, traditionally attracting the strongest fields of any of golf's big events.

This year the 156-player field will include 97 of the world's top 100 ranked golfers, including 14 past champions.

But it is likely Woods will have marked out only one man as an obvious threat—Singh.

At the start of the year, talk centered around the so-called "Fab Five" of Woods, Singh, Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson and Retief Goosen.

The PGA, however, is shaping up as a two-man show.

Reuters

ANDY Roddick returns a volley from Juan Ignacio Chela. AP

Roddick ousts Chela

WASHINGTON—Top-seeded Andy Roddick struggled before advancing past 14th-seeded Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina in three sets Thursday at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic.

Roddick won 85 percent of his first-serve points and took advantage of nine double-faults by Chela to win, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4. Clearly frustrated throughout the match, Roddick was able to win despite an admittedly below-par performance.

"Tonight was one of those nights where you feel like you're on the verge of playing well," said Roddick, who will face unseeded Ivo Karlovic of Croatia in Friday's quarterfinals. "In a tournament, you always have a match where you win with stuff that's maybe not your best.

"I feel like I'm hitting the ball well. Now I just need to find my playing form."

The hard-hitting Karlovic advanced to the quarterfinals with a 7-6 (4), 6-2 win over 11th-seeded Greg Rusedski of Britain. Karlovic had 14 aces in the match, bringing his overall tournament total to 60. He also won 95 percent of his first-serve points in knocking off his second straight seeded opponent.

AP

Ali settles lawsuit over memorabilia

LOS ANGELES—Muhammad Ali settled a lawsuit against several sports collectibles dealers to block the sale of artwork and other memorabilia relating to the former heavyweight champion, including a Koran given to him by a former president of Egypt.

An injunction issued after the lawsuit was filed in 2003 prevented the sale of hundreds of lithographs which bore forged Ali signatures, along with other items, Ali's attorney, Ron DiNicola, said on Thursday in a statement.

Among the items were the Koran Ali received from former Egypt President Gamal Abdul Nasser, and a walking stick from Mobutu Sese Seko, the former president of Zaire.

The lithographs were copies of an artist's rendering of Ali's knockout of Sonny Liston in 1965. Handwriting and memorabilia experts determined that the signatures on the lithographs were forged, the statement said.

Ali also inspected the items and confirmed that he had not signed them. All the items were offered for sale without his knowledge or permission.

As part of the settlement reached this week, the lithographs will be destroyed and the companies will return to Ali the memorabilia in their possession. The parties agreed that other terms of the settlement will be confidential.

AP

Asean nations look forward to Para Games

ASEAN Para Sports Federation president Zainal Abu Zarin of Malaysia yesterday said member countries are eagerly anticipating the 3rd Asean Para Games which the Philippines will host from Dec. 14 to 21, adding he has high expectations the host nation will put up a successful Games.

Malaysia, which is using the 2005 Para Games as part of its buildup for its hosting of the 2006 Fespic Games—the Para Games version of the Asian Games—is already in the later stages of forming its team, according to Abu Zarin.

He added Malaysia has started interviewing officials and coaches of different sports regarding their preparation for the Games and will make an official public announcement tomorrow.

Thai athletes, the 2003 overall champions of the Vietnam Para Games, are deep in training while Vietnam just two weeks ago held its national sports tournament for disabled athletes in Hanoi, the Malaysian official added.

Malaysia has also sent Lt. Commander Kamazuraman Kadir to the Philippines to help conduct a three-day weightlifting technical course at the Philsports Arena that started yesterday.

While here, he is also expected to scout the Filipino athletes participating in the Games being backed by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Philippine Sports Commission and Pfizer.

Abu Zarin said he is certain the Philippines "will do very good" in its hosting chores and expressed confidence in Asean Para Sports Federation chair Michael Barredo's leadership.

"He's an effective organizer and I have full trust in him," he said. "I hope Mr. Barredo, as chair, is getting the support from the government, private companies and the public as well to make the Para Games a success."

Barredo, in response, assured Abu Zarin that aside from raising needed funds, the preparations are running smoothly.

"It's a big challenge, but we will make sure we will do a good job."

Officials of Brunei, Singapore and Malaysia have also inquired from the Philippine Asean Para Games Organizing Committee about the media coverage of the Games, and whether their TV and radio networks could be provided with live feeds during the event. Papgoc officials are holding talks with a TV network to discuss the possible coverage.

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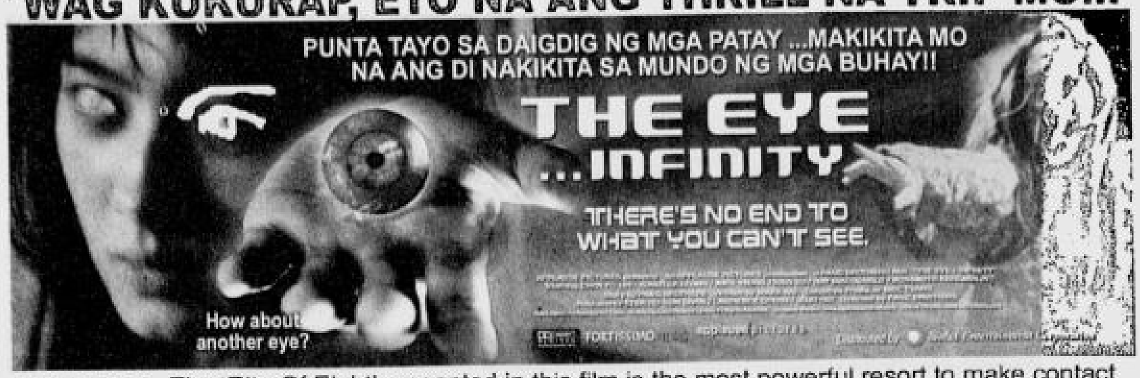
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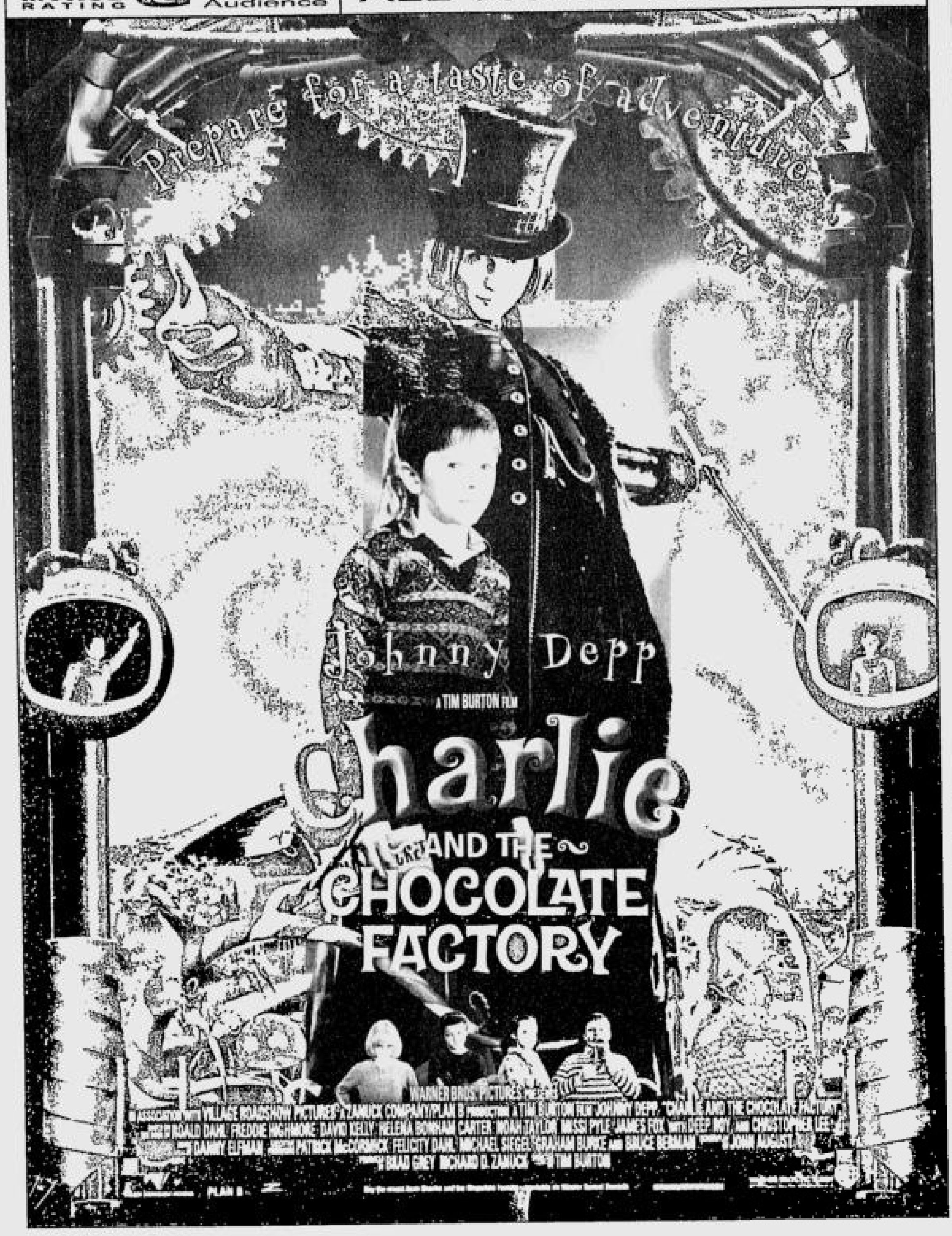
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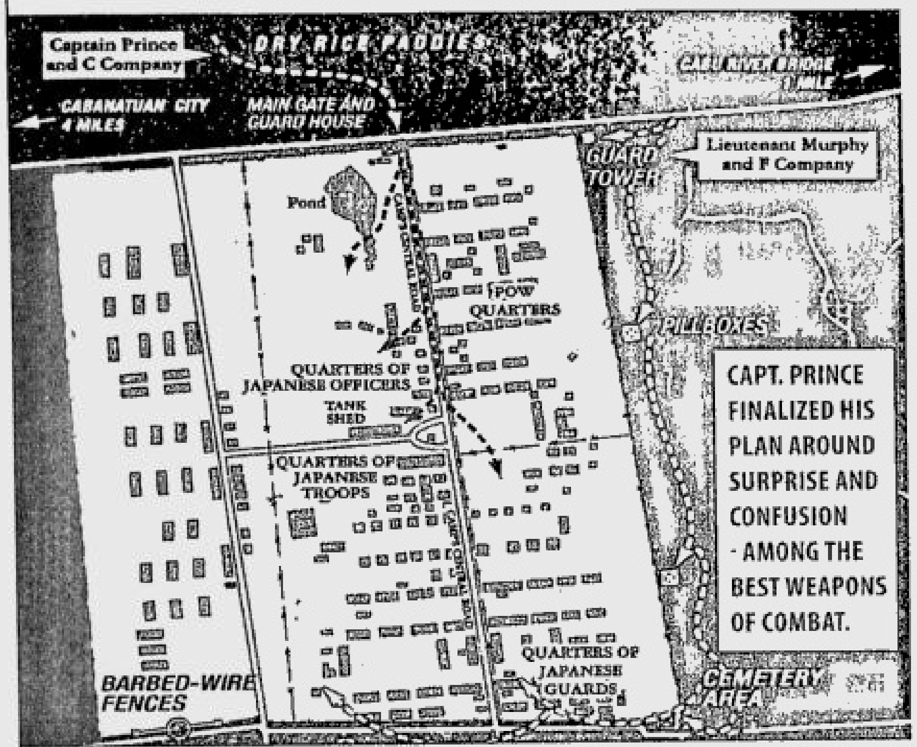
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BEHIND ENEMY LINES

On January 27, 1944, Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, the US Sixth Army commander, assigned Lt. Col. Henry A. Mucci and his 6th Ranger Battalion – the Alamo Scouts - the mission to raid Cabanatuan and rescue the POWs. Two teams of Alamo Scouts, led by 1st Lts. William Nellist, infiltrated behind enemy lines to begin a careful reconnaissance of Cabanatuan. Mucci and a company of 107 Rangers under Capt. Robert Prince, slipped through Japanese lines near Guimba.

At Balincarin, five miles north of the camp, the following day, Mucci met with USAFFE guerrilla **Captain Juan Pajota**, whose intimate knowledge of enemy activity, the people and the terrain proved crucial to the success of the raid. After consolidating the information from Pajota and the Alamo Scouts of heavy enemy activity in the camp area, Mucci concurred to postpone the raid for twenty-four hours. The Rangers withdrew to Platero.

STRATEGY

Lt. Col. Mucci received Nellist's report at 2:30 p.m. then forwarded it to Capt. Prince, whom he entrusted the job for figuring out how to get the Rangers in and out of the compound quickly, with few casualties as possible. Prince finalized his plan around surprise and confusion among the best weapons of combat. He sent two groups of guerrillas, one under Capt. Pajota, another under Capt. Eduardo Joson in opposite directions, to hold the main road that passed by the camp. The Rangers were split into two groups - one for the front gate, and the other to come through the rear.

At 7:50 p.m. January 30, 1945, the whole prison compound erupted - into the largest volume of small arms fire ever heard. The Rangers at the main gate maneuvered to bring the guard barracks under fire, while the ones at the rear, eliminated the enemy near the prisoners' huts, then proceeded with the evacuation. At 8:15 p.m., with the entire camp secured, Capt. Prince fired his flare to signal the end of the assault. The Rangers and the weary, frail and disease-ridden POWs made their way to the appointed rendezvous at the Pampanga River. Exhausted and lame, the men rolled the thirty miles to safety. •

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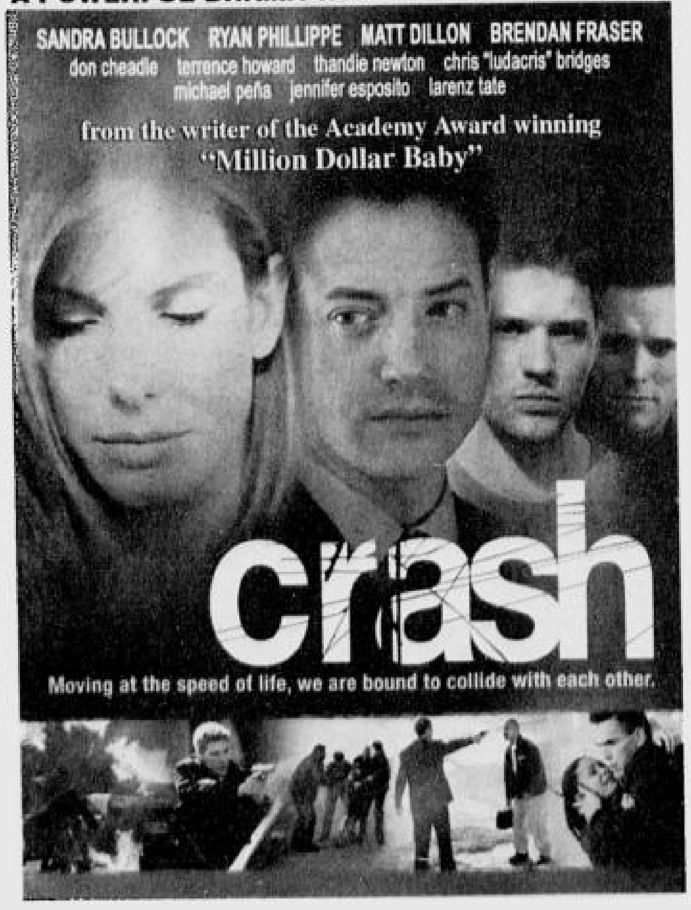
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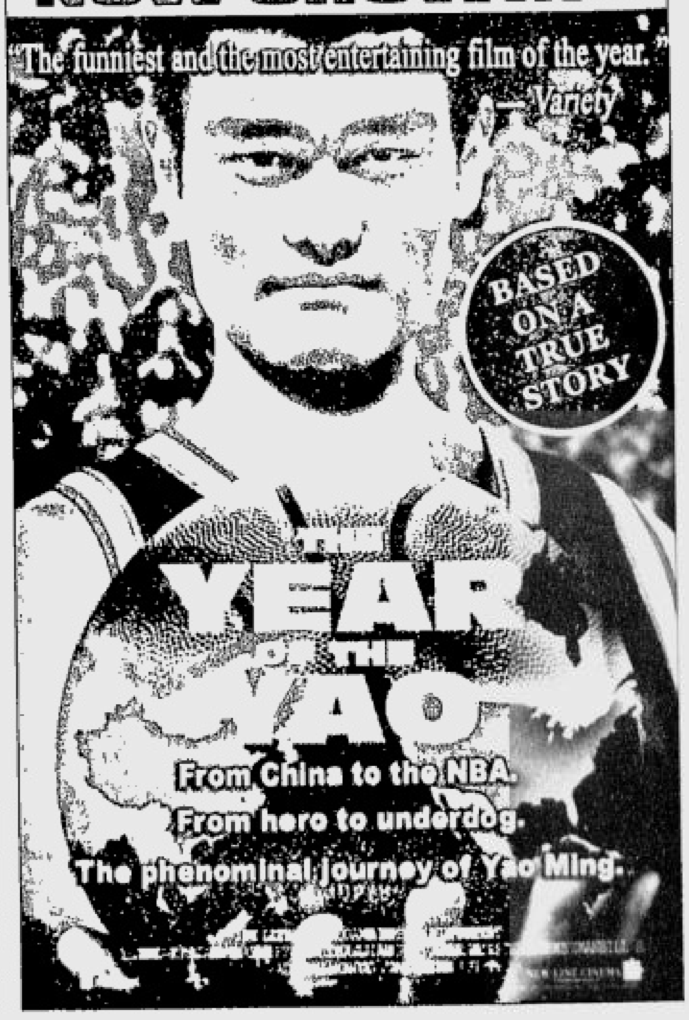
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Obet sticks to his guns on SEAG cage venue

SOUTHEAST Asian Games chief organizer Roberto M. Pagdanganan stands firm on the choice of Yñares Sports Center in Antipolo City as playing venue for men's basketball in the coming 23rd biennial Games.

"There's no controversy at all over the choice of Yñares Sports Center," said Pagdanganan, chair and CEO of the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc).

"What worries us more is the Fiba suspension of the country's participation in Fiba-sanctioned competitions, which may result in a SEA Games basketball tournament without the host country," Pagdanganan added, even as he expressed hopes that the Fiba will eventually lift the suspension in time for the Nov. 27-Dec. 5 Games.

Pagdanganan recalled that Philippine Sports Commissioner Richie Garcia recommended the Yñares venue after weighing all options, including rental costs.

Pagdanganan stressed that the selection of playing facilities for SEA Games events is part of the Philsoc's mandate, in consultation with all sectors concerned, including the Philippine Olympic Committee.

An unnamed POC official earlier questioned the Philsoc decision to use the Yñares center as basketball venue, claiming it was reached without consulting the Olympic body.

Garcia said the Yñares Sport Center was chosen on his committee's recommendation. He also expressed surprise that the matter should be raked up two months later by the unnamed POC official to project a controversy "where there shouldn't be any."

POC is represented in Philsoc by POC president Jose Cojuangco Jr., who is Philsoc vice chair, and POC secretary general Steve Hontiveros, who acts in the same capacity in Philsoc. Both are members of the Philsoc board of trustees.

Garcia maintained that the Yñares center is a better choice as basketball arena since it is also a venue for PBA games.

Stockinger, Marcelo ready to strike again

ROTAX MAX SENIORS—1. Marlon Stockinger 195 pts; 2. Matteo Guidicelli 179; 3. Iva Carapiet 119; 4. Marcel Thenu 116; 5. Marty Aguilar 115; 6. Maico Angeles 106.

ROTAX MAX NOVICE—1. Jean Marcelo 192 pts; 2. Oliver Aquino 115; 3. Arvin Gonzales 108; 4. Gaby de la Merced 106; 5. Raymund Bustamante 96; 6. Santiago Garcia 73.

MARLON Stockinger and Jean Marcelo of Marcelo Racing eye victories against tough rivals anew today as the 2005 Shell Helix Superkarting Series shifts to the Ekart track of the Enchanted Kingdom in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Stockinger tries to keep the lead in the Rotax Max Seniors class against Cebu Racing Group drivers Matteo Guidicelli and Ivan Carapiet.

Marelo, on the other hand, aims to pull another upset against veteran Oliver Aquino to fortify his grip of the lead in the Rotax Max Novice class.

Looking forward to a fifth straight victory is Marcel Thenu who's seeking to foil Tom Stockinger and Victor Yap again in the Rotax Max Masters division.

Stockinger won the last leg at the Batangas Racing Cirucit to hike his total to 197 points and wrest the lead from the highly favored Guidicelli.

Stockinger is also the first winner at the EKart track in this series sponsored by Pilipinas Shell, Honda Phils., Denso Iridium Power, Bridgestone by Phil. Allied Ent. Corp., DMCI Homes, Eastway Motorycles Racing, Khaos, Aeromed and Aviva Insurance.

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4 YEAR OF THE YAO

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6 (GOLD-SDDS) STEALTH
7 (GOLD DOLBY) THE ISLAND
8 D' ANOTHERS
9 YEAR OF THE YAO
10 ARAHAN

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1 (DOLBY) D' ANOTHERS
2 (DOLBY) WEDDING CRASHERS
3 (DOLBY) YEAR OF THE YAO
4 CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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1 D' ANOTHERS
2 NEW POLIS STORY
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1 D' ANOTHERS
2 STEALTH
3 YEAR OF THE YAO

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1 NEW POLICE STORY
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2 D' ANOTHERS
3 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
4 CAMPUS GHOST STORY

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1 D' ANOTHER
2 CAMPUS GHOST STORY
3 (DOLBY) STEALTH
4 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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1 D' ANOTHER
2 FANTASTIC FOUR
3 (DOLBY) HERBIE FULLY LOADED
4 THE ISLAND

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1 FANTASTIC FOUR
2 D' ANOTHERS

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3 (DOLBY) WEDDING CRASHERS
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2 D' ANOTHERS
3 (DOLBY) THE ISLAND

Cinema 2000 Metrotown
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1 D' ANOTHERS
2 EVIL DEAD
3 (DOLBY) MONSTER IN LAW
4 (DTS) THE ISLAND

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
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1 CAMPUS GHOST STORY
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 (DOLBY) STEALTH

Lianas Cinema
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1 (SDDS) WAR EAGLE
2 SA PAGITAN NG LANGIT
3 GAMITAN
4 (DTS) THE ISLAND

Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

1 (DOLBY) STEALTH
2 IN GOOD COMPANY
3 (DTS) EVIL DEAD
4 SA PAGITAN NG LANGIT
5 D' ANOTHERS

Fiesta World Mall
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1 GRACIA
2 CAMPUS GHOST STORY
3 HEAD IN THE CLOUDS
4 D' ANOTHERS

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1:20 / 4:00 / 6:40 / 9:20

EYE INFINITY
12:20 / 2:30 / 4:40 / 6:50 / 9:00

STEALTH
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② STEALTH
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③ CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
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Mad Range 3-pt shootout slated at SM Megamall

THE FINALS of the Toby's & AND1 Mad Range Shootout 2 takes center stage on Aug. 13 with 50 amateur basketball players battling it out for the P100,000 grand prize at the Atrium-A of SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

The NBA-style 3-point shootout also offers P20,000 and P10,000 for the second and third placers. The championship starts at 11 a.m. Exciting prizes from AND1, Toby's Sports and Epson are also up for grabs.

PBA stars and AND1 endorsers will hold an exhibition match and autograph signing at the venue. Philippine Christian University and the AND1 Flipballers will also heat up the venue with a dance exhibition.

BPI Badminton Club holds tourney today

THE BANK of Philippine Islands (BPI) Badminton Club will hold an internal tournament today at 8 a.m. at Powersmash, Makati City.

The event will coincide with BPI's celebration of its 154th anniversary.

Since the club's inception in 1991, members have consistently organized internal tournaments three to four times a year.

Just recently, the club, formed by then BPI VP Zeny Perez, emerged Class A champion in the 2nd Bank Marketing Association of the Philippines Cup.

The club officers are Louie Cruz (president), Reena Dungca (vice president), Patrick Reyes (secretary), Lili Aviles (treasurer), Kat Carlos/Reuel Javier (internal PRO) and Tess Rama/Spencer Yap (external PRO).

LPC Pamigay derby all set tomorrow

THE SECOND part of Las Piñas Coliseum's Pamigay Premyo 3-Cock Derby for smalltime cockers sizzles at 7 p.m. today with 50 fights on tap and with Sagupaan Complexor 3000 as sponsor. Aside from the cash prize at stake, each champion will also get a refrigerator. A bonus of P1,000 per win also awaits participants. Last week's solo champion was the Edward entry of Alex Braza of Silang, Cavite, who fielded Sweater Rounheads. Meanwhile, 70 or so cockers and gamefowl breeders are joining the annual Las Piñas 6-Stag Derby, slated Aug. 25 and 27, with former Mayor Nene Aguilar as host. Screening of stags, eight to 10 months old, is being held every Saturday and Sunday at the LPC office, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For inquiries, call 873-1040, 874-3910 or 0926-7450375 (look for Gerry or Julius).

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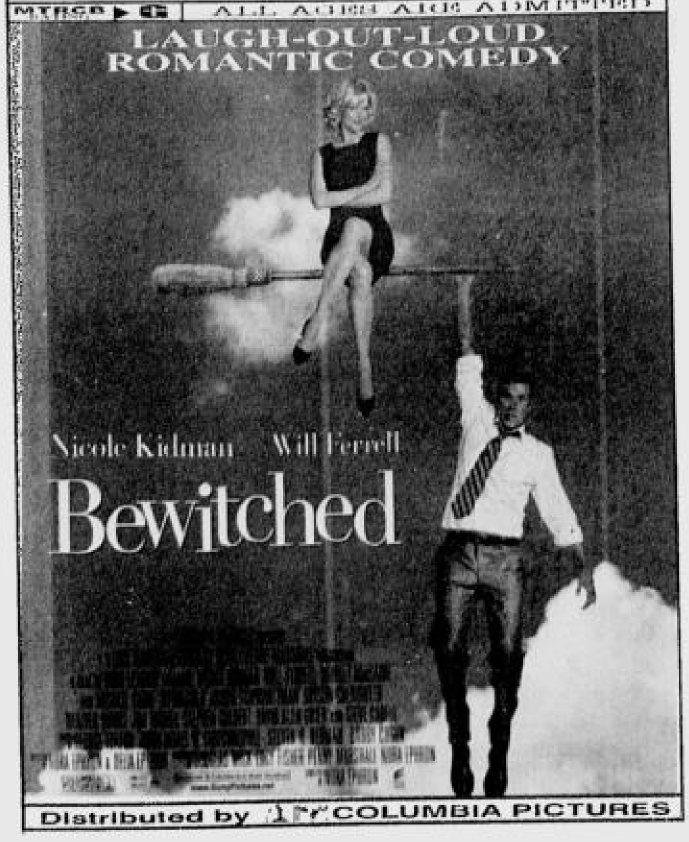

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2 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
12:00FS/12:30MF/03:00
05:00LFS/05:30LMF/07:30END

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1 FANTASTIC FOUR
11:10MF/01 00/03:00/05:00/07 00
08.45LFS/09.00LMF/11:00END

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1 MONSTER-IN-LAW
10:50FS/11 00MF/01 05/03 12/05 18/07.24
09 10LFS/09 30LMF/11 15END

2 THE ISLAND
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3 STEALTH
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SM NORTH EDSA

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2 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
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6 ICE PRINCESS
7 THE ISLAND
8 STEALTH

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GB1 GREENBELT 1	1 D' ANOTHERS	2 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY		
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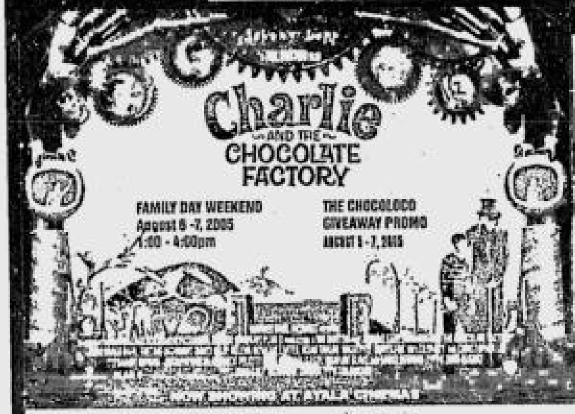
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MM Milo race elims tomorrow

OVER 14,000 runners will fill the stretch of the southbound lane of Roxas Blvd. at the break of dawn tomorrow for the Metro Manila leg of the 29th National Milo Marathon.

The participants, to be fired off at the Quirino grandstand, will try to follow the footsteps of six-time champion Roy Vence, two-time winner Allan Ballester and two-time Olympian Eduardo Buenavista, who set the Milo Marathon course record of 2:20:52 in 2002.

The women's record of 2:53:58 is owned by three-time winner Cristabel Martes who set the mark in 2000. Stella Mamac-Diaz won't be able to defend her women's crown in the National Finals on Oct. 9 because she and Martes will represent the country in the Southeast Asian Games in November.

Vence and Ballester will also compete in the marathon event of the SEA Games while Buenavista will run in the 5K, 10K and the steeplechase. They, too, will be absent.

With the big names out of the way, the foot race held in partnership with Bayview Park Hotel, Adidas, Cebu Pacific, Smart Kid, Department of Tourism, Addict Mobile Prepaid and Power Bar is wide open for the taking.

The situation was similar two years ago when the national tracksters failed to join the Milo run because of the Vietnam SEA Games. In 2003, then unheralded runners Crisanto Canillo and Lisa Yambao grabbed the spotlight and pocketed the P75,000 cash purse each.

Also entered tomorrow is 59-year-old Numeriano Titong, the inaugural Milo Marathon champion in 1974.

Sen. Pia Cayetano will join the fray in the 10K event.

Among those expected to shine are Jujit de Asis, Alvin Canada, Rolando Piamonte and Romeo Marquez in the men's division, 2002 female champion Geraldine Sealza, 2003 female champion Liza Yambao, Liza Delfin, Marchel Minas, Enate Sayrol and Mila Paje in the distaff side.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, who has thrown his full support for the event, has been invited to grace the awarding ceremony right after the races.

Also supporting the Metro Manila leg are the cities of Pasay, Parañaque, Makati and Taguig, the National Park Development Committee, the Philippine National Police, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Philippine National Red Cross, Sports Medicine Association of the Philippines and the Spectrum Communications.

SEN. Pia Cayetano with national race organizer Rudy Biscocho after her 10K run in last year's Milo Marathon Metro Manila eliminations. Cayetano and brother Lino are again entered in the 10K race tomorrow.

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RP 9-Ball qualifying up Aug. 17

THE FIRST leg of the qualifier for the 2nd Philippine 9-Ball Open gets under way on Aug. 17-19 at Ever Gotesco Commonwealth.

The top four players of each leg will advance to the finals and join last year's top eight finishers led by reigning titlist Antonio Gabica and runner-up Dennis Orcollo.

The other top placers in the first staging of the event are Ronnie Alcano, Ramil Gallego, Warren Kiamco, Gandy Valle, Alladin Duloa and Roberto Dy.

Also seeded in the finals, which is slated on Oct. 19-23 at the Robinson's Galleria Trade Hall, are world-rated Efren "Bata" Reyes, Francisco "Django" Bustamante, Alex Pagulayan and Marlon Manalo.

Gabica and Orcollo will occupy the top two spots while the rest of the seeded players will be drawn to determine their spots in the main draw.

But the usual suspects should take a back seat first as the co-organizing Solar Sports and Puyat Sports begin their search for the next important figure in local pool.

"Through the qualifying phase, we hope to discover other promising players," said Puyat Sports president Aristeo "Putch" Puyat.

Entry fee is P2,000. For inquiries, contact Rolly Vicente at 0915-5707908.

PUP netters battle UP-B

POLYTECHNIC University of the Philippines starts its quest to dominate the collegiate men's team tennis arena when the PUP netters take on UP-B at the start of the Adidas Tennis Challenge 2005 today at 10:30 a.m. at the ASMI courts in Pasig.

Men's team matches at 8 a.m. feature DLSU-B against UP-A; UST-B with Ateneo; San Beda-Manila against College of St. Benilde; while women's team pairings will see the PUP-Ateneo and UST-A-UST-B tussles.

The event is organized by CTW and supported by Milo Globe Gentext and Snickers. Other 10:30 a.m. contests pit St. Scholastica against UP in the women's division and La Salle-Zobel-Ateneo; Xavier-San Beda; and San Sebastian-SBC Alabang in the high school division.

6 lady fighters join Asian tilt

A SIX-WOMAN squad, led by coaches Glicerio Catolico and Barcelona Olympics bronze medalist Roel Velasco, left for Kaohsiung, Taiwan, on Thursday to participate in the 3rd Asian Women's Boxing Championships.

With first Asian Women's tourney gold medalist Mitchelle Martinez at the helm, the team sent by the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines is eyeing at least two gold medals.

Martinez, a lightweight, will be joined by pinweight Gretchen Abaniel, light flyweight Jennifer Pecking, flyweight Annie Albania, junior bantamweight Annaliza Cruz and bantamweight Jouvilet Chilem.

"This team is a no-nonsense squad with a lot of experience," said Abap president Manny Lopez, who will head the delegation. "Facing their Asian counterparts will not be new to them since they have met their rivals at one time or another."

Majority of the team members have won medals abroad. Martinez, Abaniel and Chilem took gold medals in last year's Taiwan International Championships, where Martinez and Pecking won silvers and Albania a bronze.

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NOW SHOWING

Bullock, Depp shine in unconventional roles

NEWTON AND DILLON. Dynamics of prejudice.

By Rito P. Asilo

"Crash"

D: Paul Haggis
S: Sandra Bullock, Ryan Phillippe, Brendan Fraser, Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle

ARE people defined by the color of their skin? In this week's must-see movie, director Paul Haggis, who wrote the screenplay of Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby," examines the dynamics of prejudice and racial discrimination by following characters whose lives intersect and collide within two days in modern-day Los Angeles.

In Haggis' brilliant ensemble piece, several stories and characters interweave: Police detectives (Matt Dillon and Ryan Phillippe) debate on nature versus nurture; two car thieves (Larenz Tate and Ludacris) theorize about society and politics; a distracted district attorney (Brendan Fraser) argues with his anxious wife (Sandra Bullock, wonderfully cast against type); a successful black Hollywood director (Terence Howard) and his wife (Thandie Newton) face the angst and venom of an embittered, racist cop; an Arab-immigrant father buys a gun to protect his shop and family against thieves, and a Hispanic locksmith (Michael Peña) deals with his employer's bigotry.

On paper, it seems easy to comprehend the motivations of these characters; even better, the director weaves his tales with uncommon insight and layered subtexts, and coaxes empathetic turns from his actors, who deliver memorable, beyond-the-surface performances, particularly in story arcs that involve Bullock, Dillon, Phillippe and Newton.

"Crash" is among a handful of films (including Ron Howard's "Cinderella Man" and Mike Binder's romantic-drama, "The Upside of Anger," starring Kevin Costner and Joan Allen) that deserve early Oscar buzz. It's a moving, thoughtful film that will make you question your prejudices and examine the rising tension generated by a politically-incorrect ideology in a supposedly politically-correct world. Don't miss it.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

D: Tim Burton
S: Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore

Tim Burton's choice of "reimagining" Roald Dahl's classic children's tale—about a strange chocolate factory owner, Willy Wonka (Johnny Depp), who opens the doors of his fabled factory to five lucky children who find golden tickets in their chocolate bars—is a curious one.

We have to admit, the decision to do away with the 1971 musical's timeless tunes is a downer—after all, what is Willy Wonka without "Pure Imagination"?

But, it's hard to ignore Burton's visionary take on life, ambition and family—and, well, just about any topic he wishes to explore! Depp's androgynous, Michael Jackson-pale Wonka certainly looks more

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HIGHMORE (EXTREME LEFT) AND DEPP (THIRD FROM RIGHT). Play Charlie Bucket and Willy Wonka, respectively.

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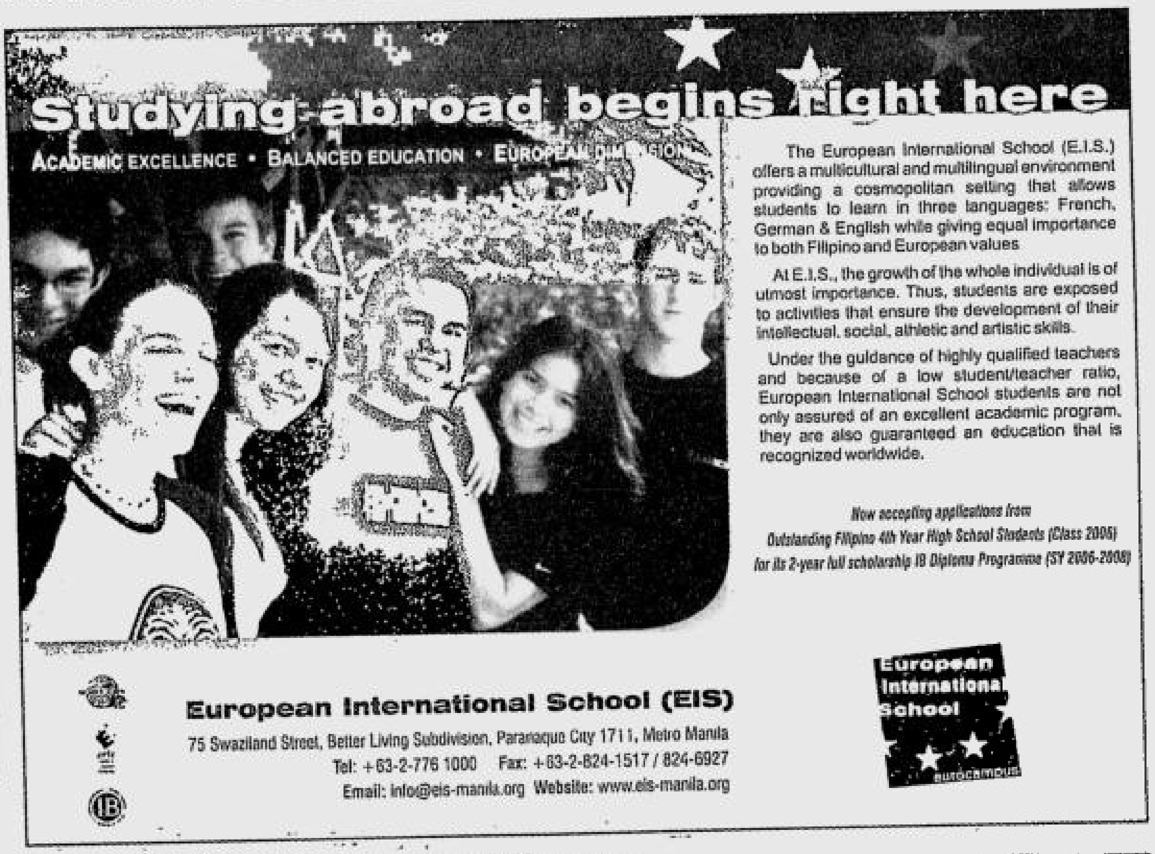

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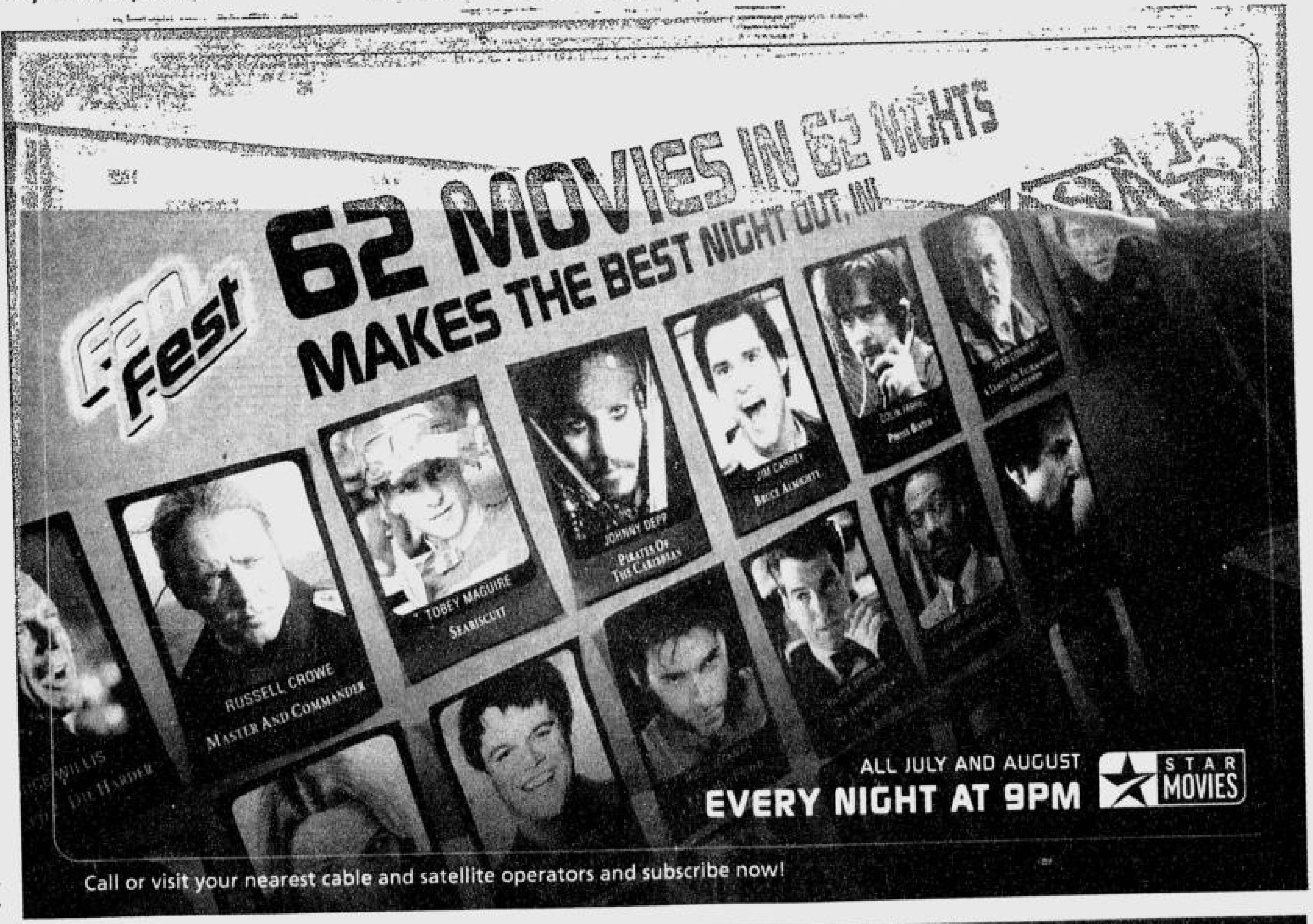

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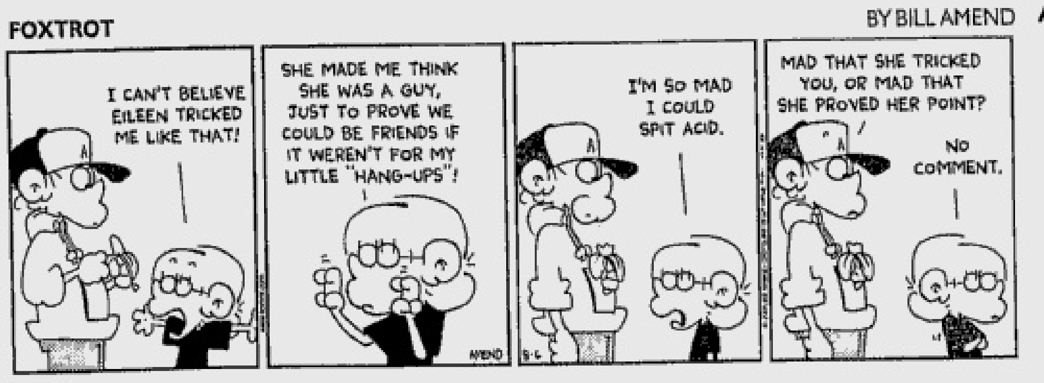
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SHE MADE ME THINK SHE WAS A GUY, JUST TO PROVE WE COULD BE FRIENDS IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY LITTLE "HANG-UPS"!
I'M SO MAD I COULD SPIT ACID.
MAD THAT SHE TRICKED YOU, OR MAD THAT SHE PROVED HER POINT?
NO COMMENT.
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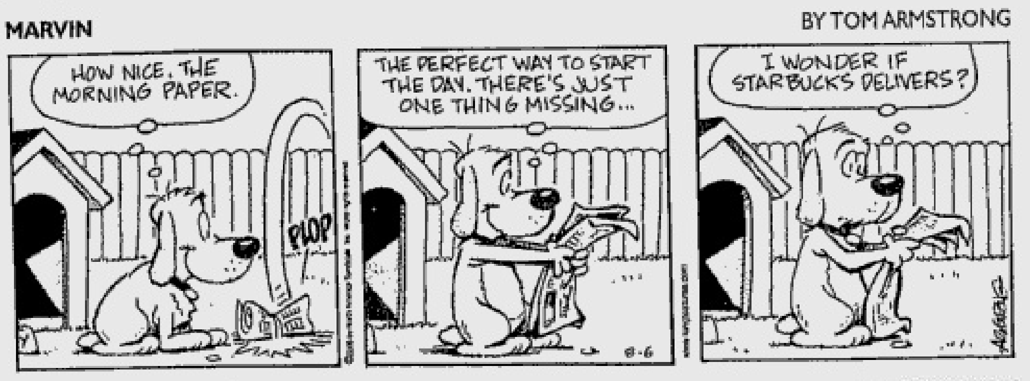
MARVIN BY TOM ARMSTRONG


HOW NICE. THE MORNING PAPER.
PLOP
THE PERFECT WAY TO START THE DAY. THERE'S JUST ONE THING MISSING...
I WONDER IF STARBUCKS DELIVERS?
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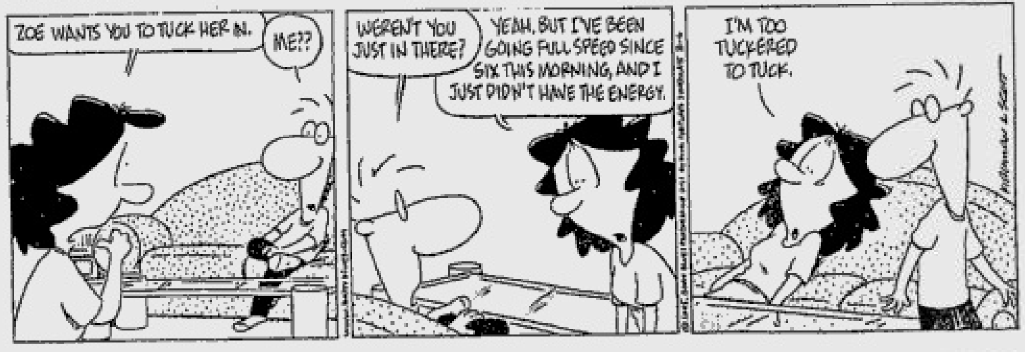
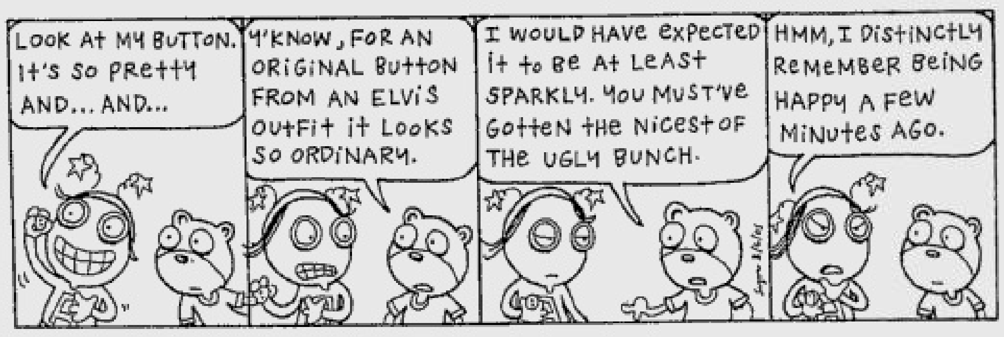
BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT


ZOE WANTS YOU TO TUCK HER IN.
ME??
WEREN'T YOU JUST IN THERE?
YEAH, BUT I'VE BEEN GOING FULL SPEED SINCE SIX THIS MORNING, AND I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE ENERGY.
I'M TOO TUCKERED TO TUCK.

ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO


LOOK AT MY BUTTON. IT'S SO PRETTY AND... AND...
Y'KNOW, FOR AN ORIGINAL BUTTON FROM AN ELVIS OUTFIT IT LOOKS SO ORDINARY.
I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT TO BE AT LEAST SPARKLY. YOU MUST'VE GOTTEN THE NICEST OF THE UGLY BUNCH.
HMM, I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER BEING HAPPY A FEW MINUTES AGO.

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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're talented in both the arts and practical ways—especially business. You know what you're doing, and your patience always pays off. Politics, the law, theater, teaching and firefighting are logical choices for you. Always stay positive. Important choices await you this year. Be open to new avenues. Choose wisely.
Birthdate of: Michelle Yeoh, actress; Lucille Ball, comedian/actress; M. Night Shyamalan, director.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): This is a fabulous day! It's a marvelous day to socialize, to party, to flirt and to enjoy the company of others. Sports and playful activities with children are top choices.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): What a wonderful day to invite people to your home. Entertain family members. Call up friends. Feelings of well-being and generosity easily bubble up within you today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You feel happy, open and eager to talk to others. That's because your mental attitude is upbeat and positive. You bring happiness to others today.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Look for ways to boost your income. People starting a new job today are extremely lucky. All real estate deals are beautifully favored.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You feel great today! Your future's so bright, you need shades! No matter what your circumstances, today you feel positive about life. You might have an opportunity to teach others what you know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): All dealings with governments and large institutions are favored today. You can make great headway in whatever you're doing. You can also boost your income.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Friends, groups, clubs and associations are excellent choices for you today. Get involved! Talk to others. Form working partnerships with friends and groups.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Your career looks fabulous today! Be on the lookout for opportunities to impress others or to enhance your reputation in some way. Important people will help you today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Today the Sun makes a lovely aspect to your ruler, Jupiter. That's why you will adore learning something new. Publishing, higher education, the media and the law are blessed today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): You might receive a gift today. Or you might profit from something that somebody else owns. Keep your pockets open!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This is the perfect day to approach someone with your ideas. People are very receptive to what you have to say. (You have them in the palm of your hand.)

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): This is a wonderful day at work! You'll get a lot done. The resources of others can help you now. Don't hesitate to make suggestions about improvements at work. (You know what you're talking about.)

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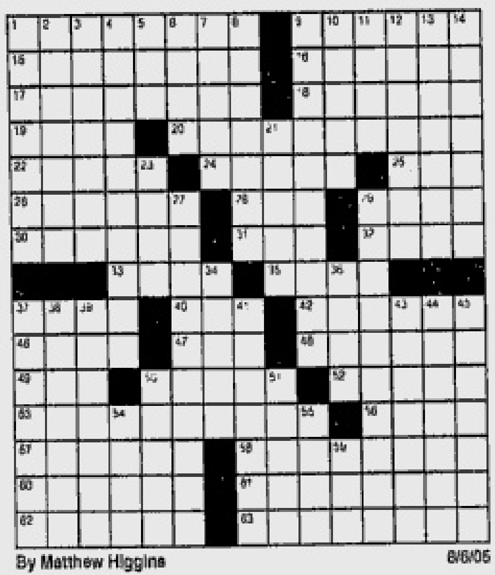
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ACROSS
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9 Bobsled runs
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18 Tips off
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20 Enacts laws
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24 Prohibited activities
25 Tropical American cuckoo
26 Catch in a setup
28 Shoshone
29 Feed the kitty
30 Eyeball lining
31 Sundial X
32 Exploiter
33 To-do list item
35 Geological fault
37 __-kiri
40 Mai __ cocktail
42 Caught in a snare
46 Chapters in history
47 Weekday abbr.
48 With pluck and spirit
49 Joplin piano piece
50 Bamboo-eating mammal
52 "Two Women" star
53 Very softly in music
56 Synagogue platform
57 Purpose
58 Water-powered engines
60 Landed manor
61 Edible
62 Fixed part of a dynamo
63 Treats after eats

DOWN
1 Defeat soundly
2 Shirley's roommate
3 Chad of "Medical Center"
4 Tequila drinks
5 __ of the above
6 Active volcano near Manila
7 Like Wrigley's walls
8 Called loudly
9 Taking to task
10 Corridors
11 Eye layer
12 Clan identifiers
13 __ Cordiale
14 Giving more lip
21 Bury
23 "Two Years before the Mast" author
27 Legendary player
29 Motorcar
34 Particle collision creations
36 Young equine
37 Loathsome mythological monsters
38 Averse to
39 Series of yacht races
41 Gave literary form to
43 More placid
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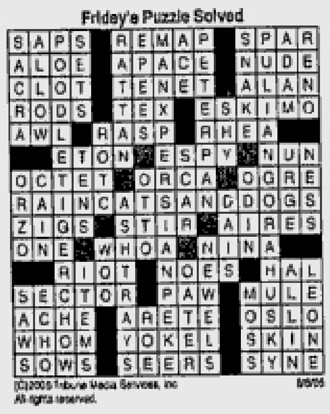
51 Get a smile out of
54 Fastidious
55 Tolkien creatures
59 Clear tables

Friday's Puzzle Solved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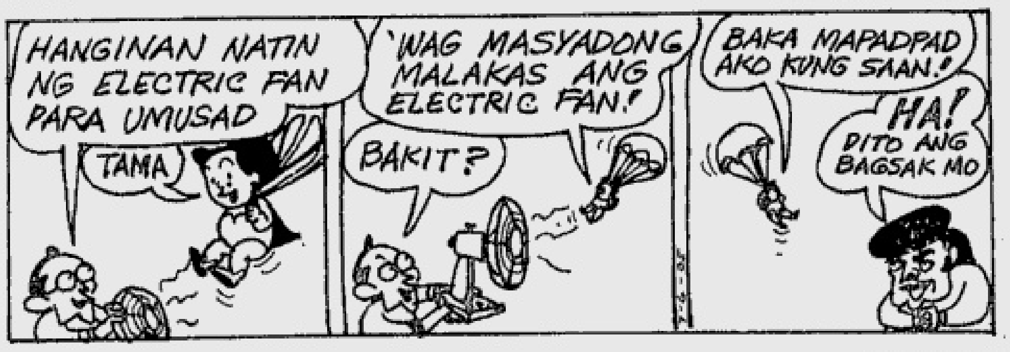
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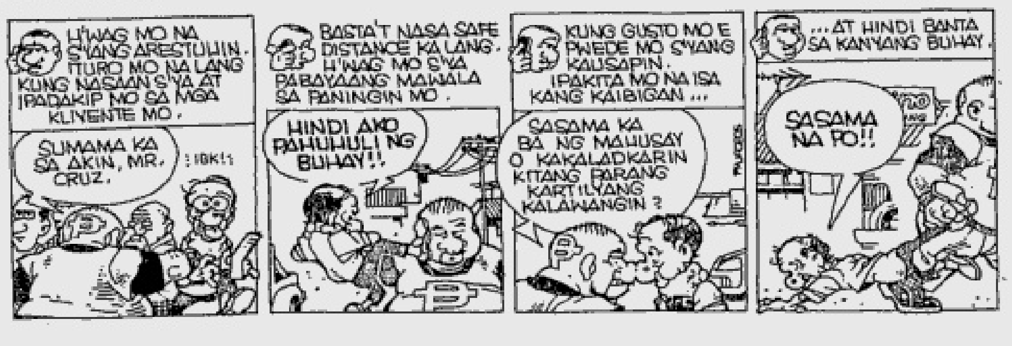
TAMA
'WAG MASYADONG MALAKAS ANG ELECTRIC FAN!
BAKIT?
BAKA MAPADPAD AKO KUNG SAAN!
HA! DITO ANG BAGSAK MO

PUGAD BABOY BY P.M. JUNIOR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SUMAMA KA SA AKIN, MR. CRUZ.
!IBK!!
BASTA'T NASA SAFE DISTANCE KA LANG. H'WAG MO S'YA PABAYAANG MAWALA SA PANINGIN MO.
HINDI AKO PAHUHULI NG BUHAY!!
KUNG GUSTO MO E PWEDE MO S'YANG KAUSAPIN. IPAKITA MO NA ISA KANG KAIBIGAN...
SASAMA KA BA NG MAHUSAY O KAKALADKARIN KITANG PARANG KARTILYANG KALAWANGIN?
...AT HINDI BANTA SA KANYANG BUHAY.
SASAMA NA PO!!

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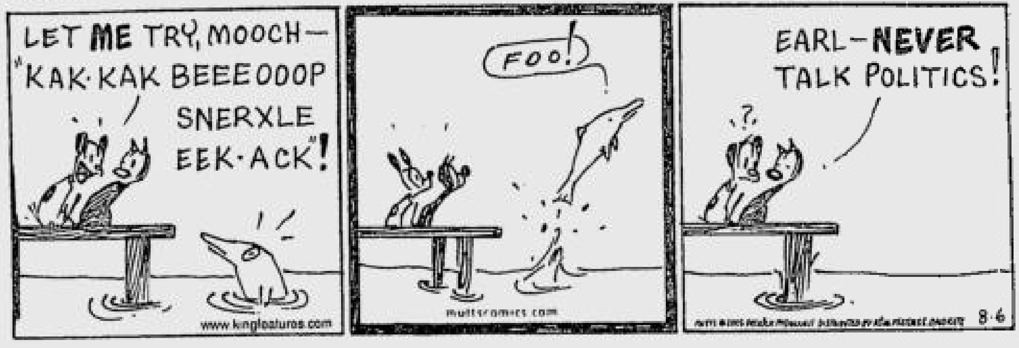
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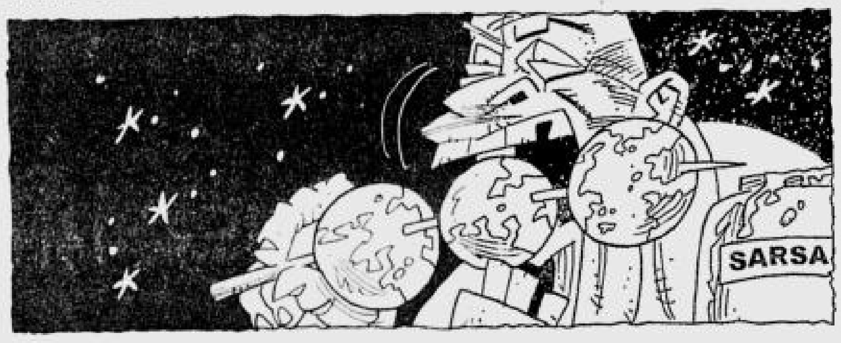

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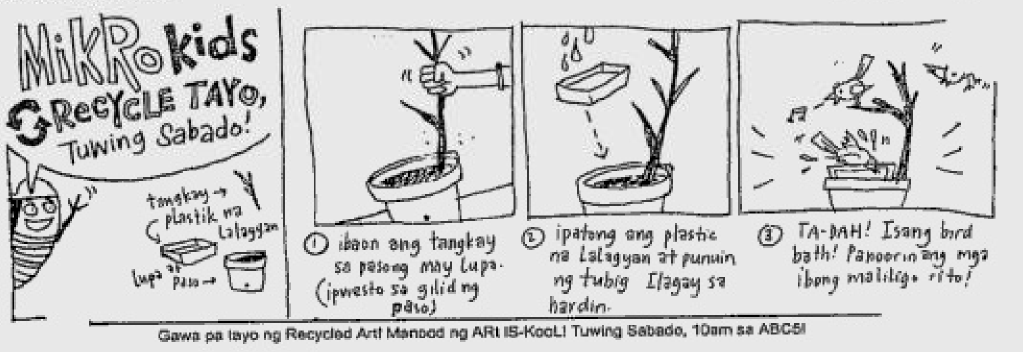
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lupa at paso
① ibaon ang tangkay sa pasong may lupa. (ipwesto sa gilid ng paso)
② ipatong ang plastic na lalagyan at punuin ng tubig. Ilagay sa hardin.
③ TA-DAH! Isang bird bath! Panoorin ang mga ibong maliligo rito!

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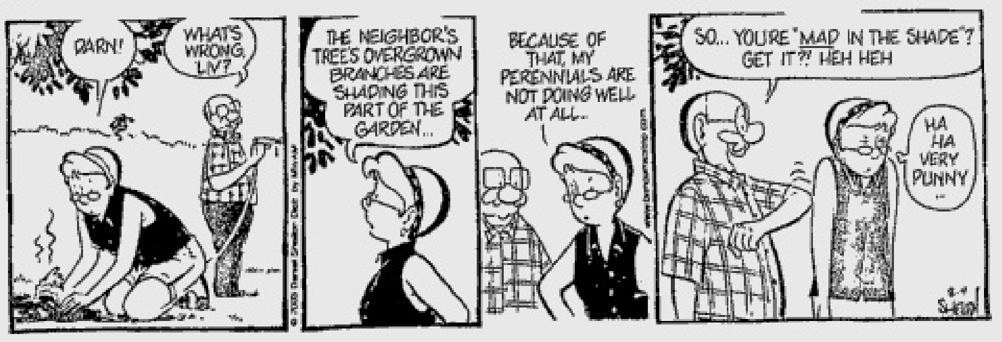
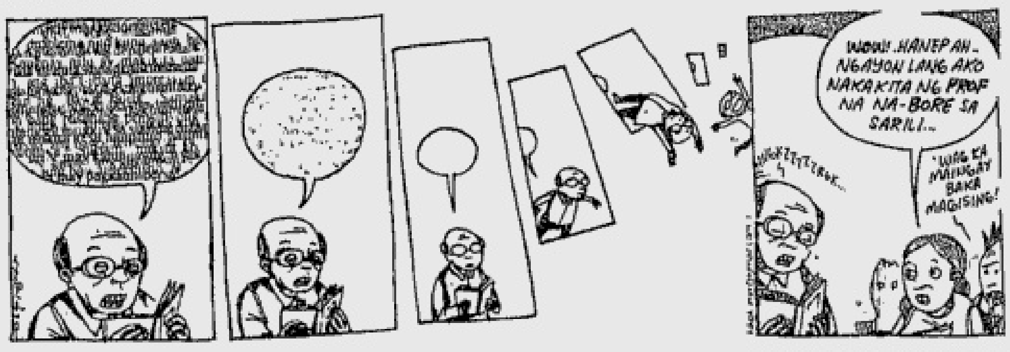
BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON


DARN!
WHAT'S WRONG, LIV?
THE NEIGHBOR'S TREE'S OVERGROWN BRANCHES ARE SHADING THIS PART OF THE GARDEN...
BECAUSE OF THAT, MY PERENNIALS ARE NOT DOING WELL AT ALL..
SO... YOU'RE "MAD IN THE SHADE"? GET IT?! HEH HEH
HA HA VERY PUNNY

KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA


WOW! HANEP AH.. NGAYON LANG AKO NAKAKITA NG PROF NA NA-BORE SA SARILI..
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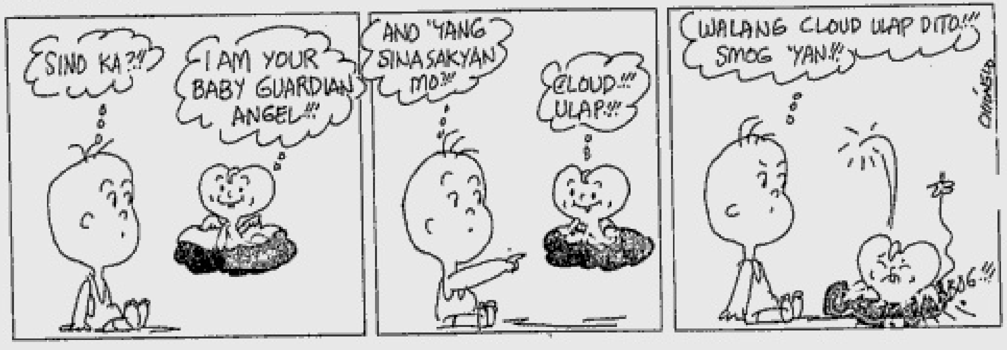
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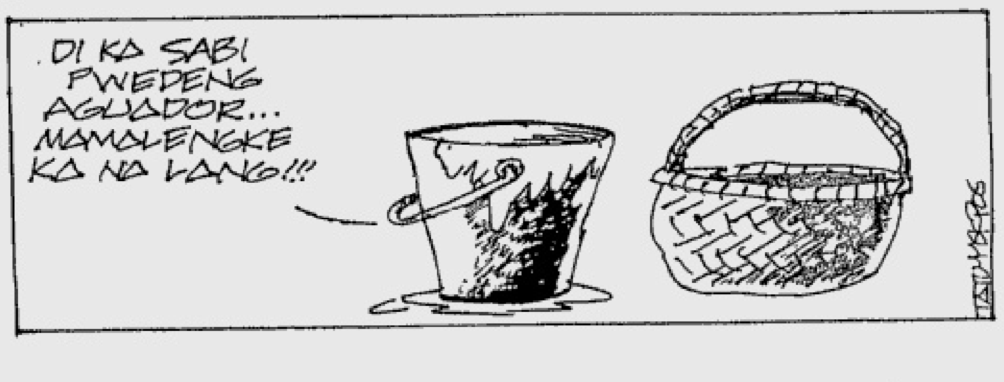
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'Hibiscus' takes a trip down memory lane

By Noelani Torre

STONEFREE. First full-length album—at last!

AFTER almost a decade of being dubbed "up and coming" and "the next big thing," pop-rock band Stonefree has finally released its first full-length album, "Hibiscus." The 15-track CD contains previous hits like "Baka Naman," "Listen" and "Kapag Nawala Ka."

You're no doubt familiar with some of their songs—they have been playing on the radio for quite sometime now, after all. For those who have no idea who these guys are, here's a backgrounder:

Stonefree consists of vocalist Miro Valera, guitarist Benson Tanoja, drummer Relly Mangubat, and bassist Regie Mangubat. The foursome hooked up in 1995 when they were still students at UP Diliman, and they spent the succeeding years playing to whatever audience they could find—until people started paying attention.

Heavy airplay

Their songs started receiving heavy airplay ("Listen" and "Baka Naman" were nominated for song of the year at the 2003 NU Rock Awards), and got included in various compilation CDs ("Pulp Summer Slam," "Perfectly Acoustic 2," "City Jam Anniversary Album," "Single OST," and JAM 88.3's "Not Another Christmas Album"). They released their first EP last year, through which they introduced their third original song, "Kapag Nawala Ka."

As for why they're called Stonefree, there's a song by Jimi Hendrix called "Stone Free," which is probably where the band got its name. There's also a Hendrix tribute band out there called Stone Free.

Our local foursome is no tribute band, however—though they do perform covers of other artists' songs—and their sound is influenced not so much by the great Hendrix as by the more recent grunge era.

Listening to "Hibiscus," in fact, is like taking a trip down memory lane. The songs sound a bit like Creed, Stone Temple Pilots, and like every other alternative band that has crossed over to mainstream territory. In other words, it's quintessential pop rock.

Radio-friendly

The 13 original songs in the album's track listing are radio-friendly, undemanding and largely enjoyable. Unfortunately, some of them are burdened with the cringe-worthiest lyrics:

The sixth track, "The Way She Moves," for example, contains such lines as "Run another mile/ Brisk so slow that I could not find you," and "Why don't you do me another one who sings her lullabies/ Blind like a dirty mouse/ You hide so well that I could not find you."

What in the world does "brisk so slow" mean? Is it supposed to be an oxymoron? Are all dirty mice blind? Where in the world did this kind of imagery spring from?

There are more examples from other songs, but this is the worst. They should keep things simple—there's no rule that says alternative rocker wannabes ought to sound obscure. It works for some rock bands, sure, but flights into poetic fancy are best left to those who are better poets.

Chinese proverbs for leaders

LOTUS POND

R. Valencia and S. Bismark

TODAY'S column is dedicated to our country's leaders, who always deliver long speeches. They say too much, but nothing is really done about the nation's state of affairs. Hopefully, these Chinese proverbs will help enlighten them:

1. Rats know the way of rats. (You all know your underhanded ways.)

2. Ants can move even a mighty mountain. (Don't underestimate the people's power.)

3. A cornered rat will bite the cat. (Now *they* are biting each other.)

4. A good bee never takes pollen from a fallen flower. (But greedy politicians keep sucking and sucking!)

Chess game

5. Observers can see a chess game more clearly than the players themselves. (We are watching you!)

6. You cannot satisfy hunger by drawing a cake. (You cannot satisfy our hunger by delivering speeches.)

7. Serving the powerful is like sleeping with a tiger. (Ouch! Danger!)

8. Crows are black the world over. (You can't hide your true color.)

9. Sow melon, reap melon; sow beans, reap beans. (Now we reap hardship. Guess who sowed the seeds?)

10. Rivers and mountains are more easily changed than a man's nature. (Especially politicians!)

Single park

11. A single spark can set a prairie on fire. (Watch out!)

12. A mouse can only see an inch. (A selfish leader can only see his interests.)

13. The rewards of good and evil are like the shadow following the substance. (You cannot escape it.)

14. On earth, no feast lasts forever. (You cannot have wealth, power and positions eternally. So, *don't* act like infallible gods!)

15. An avaricious person is like a snake trying to swallow an elephant. (Greedy politicians keep trying, though.)

Mountain

16. If you do not climb the mountain, you will not see the plain. (No wonder they don't see what is truly happening.)

17. Distance tests the endurance of a horse; time reveals a man's character.

18. If a poor man associates with the rich, he will soon have no trousers to wear. (We have lost more than just trousers!)

19. Those who prosper don't argue about taxes. (They even create them.)

20. When a king makes a mistake, his subjects suffer. (We experience that everyday!)

Bullock, Depp shine in unconventional roles

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sinister than Gene Wilder's mysterious, doe-eyed chocolatier.

But, the versatile actor is able to tap into Wonka's tortured soul and yearning, and allows us to look beyond the sneering protagonist's kookie exterior. In Burton's cinematic version of Wonka's chocolate factory, it's easy to see why children are readily drawn to theme parks like Jackson's Neverland.

If you haven't seen the Mel Stuart original, though, you'd find the latest remake a welcome visual treat for older kids (yes, there *are* disturbing images that may scare young tots—particularly the swarm of squirrels that teach the bratty Veruca a lesson in humility by . . . well, just watch the movie and see for yourself, okay?).

As usual, Burton conjures up magical images on the big screen. The film, however, appears emotionally disjointed and, despite the lovely colors and jaw-dropping sets, soon loses its novelty—and its intriguing narrative thrust.

Burton and Depp's latest collaboration may not rank among the best of the quirky director's oeuvre, but it is still better than the usual cinematic confections that Hollywood dishes out.

It is likewise buoyed up by Depp and Freddie Highmore's involved performances, and the film's inspiring reminder that a loving family is more than enough to make anyone's life sweeter than the best chocolates in the world. Sniff.

"Arahan"

D: Seung Wan Ryu
S: Seung Beom Ryu, So-yi Yoon

RYU. Plays reluctant superhero.

As bumbling rookie cop, Sang-hwan (Seung Beom Ryu), pursues a pickpocket, he stumbles into a 7-11 cashier, Eui-jin (gorgeous newcomer So-yi Yoon), a metahuman who can go through walls and leap over buildings. When Eui-jin's subsonic, electromagnetic palm thrust hits him by mistake and knocks him unconscious, Sang-hwan finds himself under the care of five Tao masters, who unwittingly discover and unlock his special *ch'i* (the energy used in acupuncture).

A vicious beating from street thugs convinces the reluctant—and oftentimes clueless—superhero to take his special gifts seriously. He goes through rigorous training to hone his new-found "skill." But, what he doesn't count on is the arrival of Heùg-un, a former Tao master who had succumbed to dark forces ("LOTR" and "Star Wars," anyone?).

Heug-un, held captive for trying to steal the key to Arahan (an enlightened and heightened state of mind that gives immense power to anyone who possesses it), escapes from his underground prison—and it's up to Sang-hwan to stop Heug-un's diabolical plans.

This amazing, immensely enjoyable and CG-heavy Korean potboiler will have action-comedy fans cheering, although some situations the superhero finds himself in defy logic. In some scenes, Sang-hwan's protracted display of cluelessness—or stupidity—can get *really* annoying.

Nevertheless, the lead performances are good, production values are top-rate, and the gravity-defying fight scenes are spectacular. So, if you're into funny, innovative action films, look no further.

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CAYABYAB. His music school starts teaching three new courses on Aug. 20.

RYAN Cayabyab's famous music studio at Sunvar Plaza in Makati offers three innovative performance workshops starting Saturday, Aug. 20.

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Hits

Torre is the director of critical and popular musical theater hits like "Katy!," "Magnificat," "Magsimula Ka" "Birhen ng Caysasay," and "Sino Ka Ba, Jose Rizal?," and is credited with mentoring and helping launch the careers of numerous performing luminaries like Ricky Davao, Robert Seña, Isay Alvarez, Angelique Lazo, Bimbo Cerrudo, Jograd dela Torre and Belinda Panelo.

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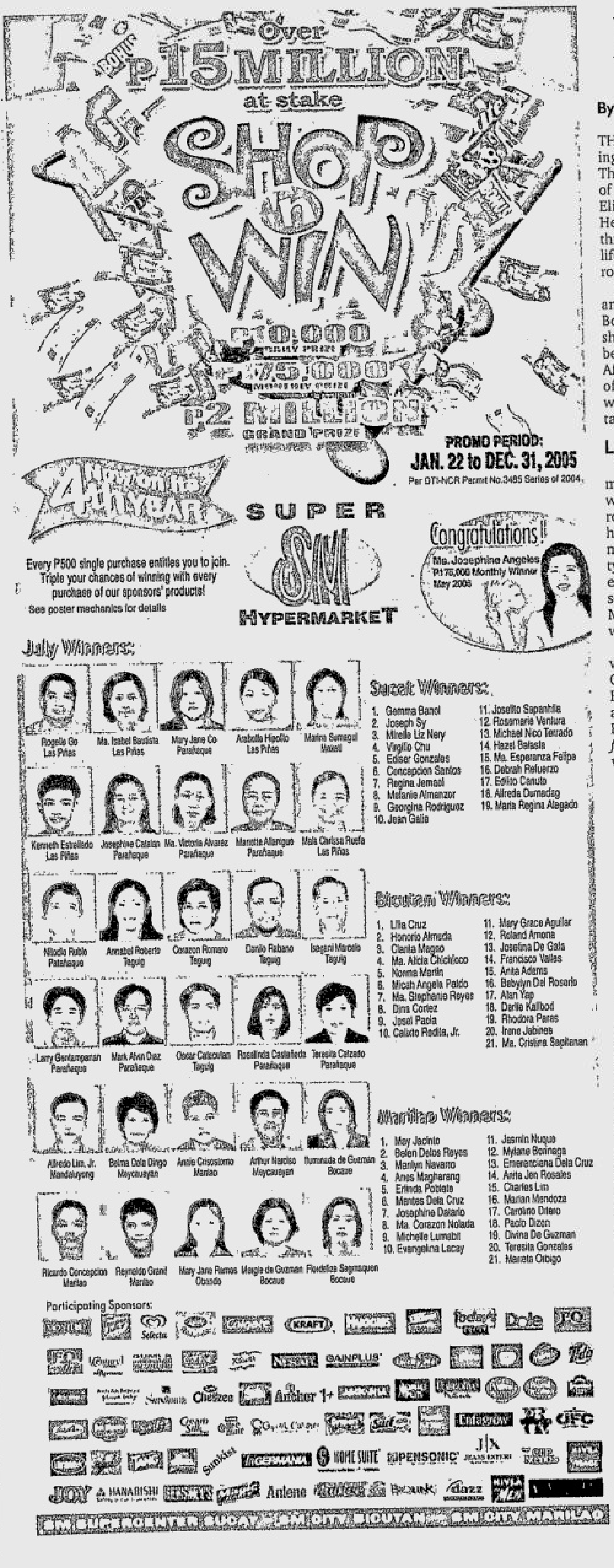

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Remembering Myrna Loy

By Behn Cervantes

THE PHILIPPINES is prone to creating local versions of Hollywood stars. Thus, we have had *Pinoy* look-alikes of Elvis Presley, Anthony Perkins, Elizabeth Taylor, Pier Angeli, Audrey Hepburn, etc.! In this regard, I was thrilled when I discovered that the life of the enigmatic Myrna Loy mirrored Rosal Rosal's.

Like Rosal, Myrna Loy had a long and illustrious career in the movies. Born in 1905 to a Montana legislator, she made her first appearance in a benefit show as a dancer at age 12. After her father passed away, the rest of the family moved to Los Angeles, where she finished high school and taught dancing.

Legendary

The 18-year-old beauty hoped to make it in Hollywood. So, like other wannabes, she started making the rounds. Her dancing prowess landed her a slot in the chorus line of Grauman's Chinese Theater, where the pretty teenager was noticed by the legendary Valentino, who gave her a screen test. She was eyed for the role of Madonna in the 1926 "Ben Hur," but was instead assigned a minor role.

Soon, she was stereotyped as a vamp and often played mysterious Oriental ladies in such films as "The Barbarian," "The Exquisite Sinner" and "The Mask of Fu Manchu." Like Rosal, she became known as a classy *femme fatale*, and often danced her way into her leading man's heart.

However, her career seemed destined for mediocrity—until director W.S. Van Dyck cast her as William Powell's leading lady in "The Thin Man." The film became such a big hit that the duo made several sequels together. By 1936, Myrna Loy was Hollywood's number one female box-office star!

LOY. Often played mysterious Oriental women.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, however, the screen star made only one war-time picture, and instead dedicated herself to the Red Cross. Thereafter, she became a US representative to Unesco, until she was cast as the wife of Fredrick March in the multi-awarded 1946 classic, William Wyler's "The Best Years of Our Lives."

In the '50s, she continued to star in respectable films like "Cheaper by the Dozen," with Clifton Webb. She was likewise cast as a diplomat's wife in "The Ambassador's Daughter," but played an offbeat role in "Lonely Hearts," where she portrayed an aging woman drawn to Montgomery Clift's youthful charms.

Politics

However, the well-respected actress was drawn to politics, and she was also active in Democratic Party activities. In the '60s, she starred in "From the Terrace," with Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward; "Midnight Lace," with Doris Day and Rex Harrison, and in "The April Fools," with Jack Lemmon and Catherine Deneuve.

Her last film was 1980's "Just Tell Me What You Want." "The End," which she made in 1978, was an omen of the end of a long and illustrious career.

She never won the coveted Oscar, but like Ms Rosal, the tributes mounted in her honor were numerous. In 1991, she was bestowed a special honorary Academy Award in recognition of her work in Hollywood, as well as her contributions to American society.

So, like our Rosa, the erstwhile vamp was a multi-faceted human being *cum* actress, who touched more people than she expected. Loy chronicled her life and long career in her 1987 autobiography, "Myrna Loy: Being and Becoming."

Stars write books for young readers

By Nestor U. Torre

TIME was when writing books for children was low on the literary world's list of priorities and preferred activities. Well now, no longer. Enormous successes like J.K. Rowlings' "Harry Potter" book and film series have made writers realize that writing inspiring and entertaining stories for children is important.

It isn't only a matter of economics. More writers now realize that children are a significant audience for them, because they need the storytelling and inspiration most.

Imagination

Sure, they may not be as sophisticated as adult readers, but their capacity for wonder and imagination are unmatched, and it is this innate ability that committed writers seek to enhance.

Interestingly, established writers' ranks are now being bolstered by celebrities who have opted to use their popularity to enable them to reach many children—this time not with their performances, but with the children's books they have written.

The most surprising new addition to the list is Madonna. Yes, the cynical, manipulative epitome of self-reinvention has been drastically altered by her having become a mother, and has penned two books for children that have been well-received by young readers.

MADONNA. Has fully embraced her more nurturing and storytelling persona.

Madonna goes to the extent of regretting her cynical past, and has fully embraced her more nurturing and storytelling persona now. This is what she wants most to do for the present and the future, and she finds great fulfillment in it.

Surprising

Another surprising new author of stories for children is Paul McCartney, who is releasing his first book of imaginative tales for young readers. He has spent the last few years working on the picture book, "High in the Clouds, An Urban Furry Tale," which will have an initial print run of 500,000 copies.

Celebrities like Madonna and McCartney may not be the best possible writers around, but their popularity enables them to pretty much assure the success of their new ventures, and that's what's happening now. We hope that other stars-turned-writers will follow suit.

Greater visibility

That would help assure greater visibility and cachet for children's books. Given the importance of providing young readers with more imaginative and inspiring stories to help shape their minds, hearts and values, that's a key goal that we should all do our best to support and achieve.

We trust that the trend of celebrities writing books for children will also manifest itself on the local scene. It would be wonderful if the likes of Sharon Cuneta, Haydee Yorac, Boots Anson-Roa, Tita Muñoz, Mitch Valdes, Luli Arroyo, Celeste Legaspi, Kris Aquino and Jim Paredes would write children's stories, either by themselves or with co-writers. Life in the Philippines would be the better and richer for it!

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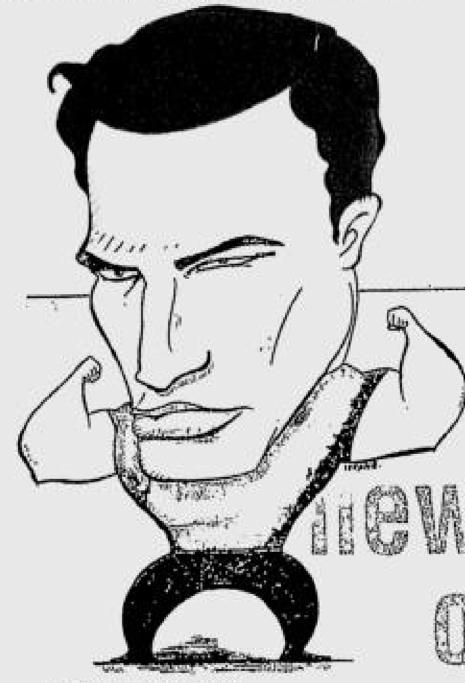

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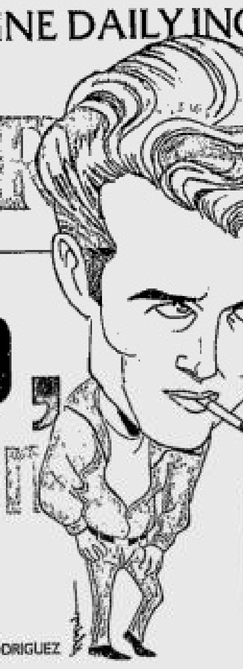
Brando, Dean inspire new generation of actors



CARICATURE BY ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

By Nestor U. Torre

TWO of the most durable male screen icons in film buffs' memory are Marlon Brando and James Dean. It's instructive to compare the different ways that the two stars ended up impinging on the public's consciousness on the long term:

Brando was the first to stun viewers into rapt if occasionally shocked attention with his unconventional and ultra-realistic acting style.

The extreme naturalism of his performances and characteristically mumbled delivery brought him fame, first on Broadway in 1947, in "A Streetcar Named Desire."

Unconventional

Unconventional behavior perceived as rebelliousness, and his youthful, brooding good looks added to his popular appeal in the '50s.

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ORAL CARE FOR KIDS: What parents need to know about their children's teeth

Most parents are unaware that good oral care starts really early for kids - even when they're just mere babies! Much like good physical health or the proper hygiene is a must for children, so are good oral habits like regular brushing, visits to the dentist, eating a balanced and nutritious diet and more importantly, avoiding using the milk bottle as a pacifier at night (for babies) or eating too many chocolates or snacks (for growing up tykes).

Dr. Fina S. Gupit-Lopez, who has an exclusive pediatric dentistry practice, answers the most frequently asked questions on how to care for your child's teeth, before it's too late.

1. Kid's teeth are very sensitive and oral development requires specialized care at different stages. How should parents care for their child's teeth and gums?

First, parents should recognize that BABY TEETH ARE IMPORTANT. Baby teeth are present from 6 months - 11 years old. This is the crucial time for growth and development. They need to keep their child's teeth healthy to get the proper nutrition; and for the teeth to be free from infection for the child not to experience any pain so as not to hamper his/her learning abilities.

Home care regimen, such as proper toothbrushing and flossing play a vital role in keeping your child's teeth and gums healthy. Of course, the proper diet, correct feeding habits and regular visits to your child's dentist all play important roles in keeping your child's teeth cavity-free.

2. When do baby teeth start to fall out and when are the children's permanent teeth completed?

Baby teeth start to fall out at age 6. These are usually the lower front teeth. What parents don't notice is that also at age 6, the first permanent molars come out WITHOUT replacing any baby tooth. They simply come out, IN ADDITION to the 20 baby teeth your child has at present. The last baby tooth falls out at age 11, which may be the canines (fangs) or the premolars (those teeth before the big molars).

3. When should children start brushing their teeth and when should they do it on their own?

The tongue and gum pads of infants should be wiped regularly to get rid of milk residue. Children's teeth should be brushed regularly as soon as the first teeth come out, which is about 6-9 months. Parents should do the brushing for their children until six years old, since younger kids lack the dexterity for efficient toothbrushing.

4. Parents play an important role in educating their kids on proper dental care. What are the tips on teaching kids and parents to maintain good oral health?

Toothbrushing is a must. For children, the most important time for toothbrushing is before sleeping and NOT to take any food or milk AFTER brushing. If you don't want to wean your child yet from the bottle, your child may drink milk from the bottle, brush their teeth and then go to sleep, NOT the other way around. Or water is the only acceptable content of a nursing bottle if your child has a need to feed on his/her bottle.

5. What are the common dental problems of kids and how should they be treated?

Early childhood carries remains to be a very rampant and infectious disease among our children today. Studies have shown that 9 out of 10 Filipino children have dental cavities. Children who already have early childhood caries should seek prompt dental treatment from their dentist. If left untreated, early childhood caries can lead to pain, infection and loss of function. These undesirable outcomes can adversely affect learning, communication, nutrition and other activities necessary for normal growth and development.

6. How should I brush my child's teeth?

The knee-to-knee position (the child's feet are around the waist of the first parent/caregiver while the child's head is on the lap of the second parent/caregiver) is an ideal position for infants and combative toddlers. The first parent is able to hold the hands and feet of the child while the second parent does the brushing. Experiment with positions and try to see where you and your child are most comfortable.

7. How do I choose the right toothbrush for my child? What specific features should I look for in a brush?

Keep in mind that different age groups have different needs. As children grow, many changes happen - their jaws get bigger, they get more teeth, their baby teeth get replaced by bigger teeth, their diet changes and of course, they eventually explore learning how to brush on their own. It is for this reason that the parent should choose the toothbrush that is best suited for the child's age group, the right toothbrush should have bristles to prevent any injury to the gums.

8. Most kids don't find brushing enjoyable, how do you motivate them to brush regularly?

Be creative and buy the children colorful toothbrushes in different designs as well as toothpastes in different flavors. Whatever works! Be in a comfortable position, show pictures of rotten teeth to motivate children to take their oral care seriously, or having books and videos about oral health that children can relate to also help.

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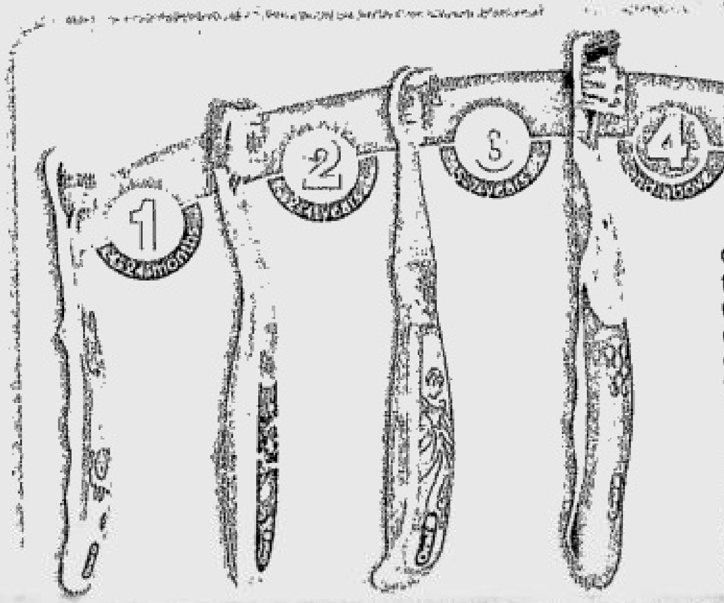

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Telling insights at SEAFCTV symposium

By Nestor U. Torre

I HAVE supported the laudable work of the Southeast Asia Foundation for Children and Television ever since it started. Recently, however, my admiration for the foundation further increased when I accompanied some of its officials on a working trip to the Visayas.

It was a hectic, no-nonsense weekend for the hardworking group as it held a symposium and screenings for the foundation's Anak TV awards in Cebu City, with the strong support of Cardinal Vidal.

Screenings

In addition, it also conducted two more screenings onboard Negros Navigation vessels, with passengers sailing from Manila to Cebu, and from Tagbilaran to Manila, serving as its viewer-jurors.

We caught up with the group in Cebu, and were impressed to see more than 250 concerned viewers from all sectors of society eager to learn more about what they could do to push our TV networks to come up with child-friendly shows.

Foundation secretary general Mag Cruz Hatol laid the groundwork for fruitful discussions at the start of the symposium. He showed TV plugs boosting the foundation's objectives, voiced by an impressive number of concerned and committed celebrities. The results of an eye-opening study sponsored by Columbia Food Products, were also shared with the audience.

Excesses

Edgardo Roces, president of SEAFCTV, followed up with his own exhortations for the people attending the symposium to supervise their young children's televiewing, and to report excesses to the networks, or to the proper supervisory bodies.

> Local viewers have become much more aware of the dangers of bad TV

Foundation spokesperson Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski took time out from her busy schedule to fly in and share her own concerns and experiences as the mother of two young sons.

ROCES (LEFT) AND HATOL. The foundation's president and secretary general, respectively.

And Columbia head Elvira Yap Go roused the audience to committed action with her passionate defense of the right of children to responsible TV programming.

The four speakers' inspiring words had a strong impact on the members of the audience, who then went on to screen some of the programs submitted by various TV stations for consideration for the foundation's prized Anak TV Seal citations.

Aside from voting, the viewer-jurors came up with telling insights during the discussion following each screening. From their incisive comments, we got a clear indication of their astuteness as guardians of their children's sensibilities.

TV people who think that viewers can be manipulated to watch anything at all are sorely mistaken.

Local viewers have become much more aware of the danger of bad TV, especially its negative impact on children, and TV workers had better do good, responsible work before viewers compel them to do so.

On the boat rip back to Manila, we saw the Negros Navigation passengers repeating the process, with similarly impressive results.

If you want the foundation to hold a symposium and screening session in your own locality, call 412-0529 or 374-7066. It'll be a most rewarding experience for your community.

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Brando . . .

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His first film was "The Men," and he was Oscar-nominated for "Streetcar," "Viva Zapata" and "Julius Caesar."

He had a vintage year in 1953-54 with "The Wild One," "On the Waterfront" (his first Oscar), and "Desiree." He made his directing debut with "One-Eyed Jacks" in 1961. But, his acting career in the '60s languished as a result of his self-indulgence.

Happily, in 1972, Brando vindicated himself with "The Godfather," which brought him his second Oscar. And subsequent movies like "Last Tango in Paris" and "Apocalypse Now" reminded viewers of the iconic talent and power that was his alone.

Contrastingly, while Brando's acting career spanned decades, James Dean made his own, unique mark on cinema in only a couple of years.

The three films ("East of Eden," "Rebel Without A Cause" and "Giant") on which his legendary reputation rests nevertheless had such a strong impact on audiences that his fame as one of the best actors ever to appear on the big screen endures to this day.

Symbol

How did he do it? We believe that Dean came along at precisely the right time to serve as a filmic symbol of his generation's confused, alienated youth.

The rebels he played in his first two films, both of which were shown in 1955, vivified the anger and yearning of millions of disaffected teenagers, who quickly made him their cinematic idol.

Interestingly, his third starrer, "Giant" (1956), showed that Dean could do much more than just play a rebellious youth. In fact, his character ages in the course of the long movie, and is an old man at the final fade. Amazingly, Dean's performance managed to mature along with his character.

This impressive thespic achievement assured viewers of many more fine performances from the gifted and tortured actor—but, it was not to be! A car crash ended his life and career, and Dean was swiftly elevated from star to myth.

Chronology

The link between Brando and Dean rests on chronology: Brando set the stage for the younger Dean to go to town with his painfully neurotic and angry portrayals.

Who was the better talent? It's unfair to Dean to speculate on whether his talent would have matured as well as Brando's, so we'll have to pass on that one.

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3 DOORS DOWN. Rock-by-numbers exercise.

Formulaic grunge sound in 'Seventeen Days'

By Noelani Torre

IT took 3 Doors Down 17 days to come up with a third album. It's a feat they appear to be proud of—or, at least, one they'd like to call our attention to.

Fact is, this post-grunge five-some *had* to make this record—it's part of their contract with their record company. This is how things work nowadays, but having a release date *before* the album has even been recorded still seems a little, ah, coldblooded.

This is a rock record, after all, and fans of this particular genre like to think that the decision to come up with an album is the result of artistic, not corporate, deliberation. Still, this in itself wouldn't have become an issue, if not for the safe, middle-of-the-road, more-commercial-than-anything quality of the album itself.

Mainstream

3 Doors Down has always sounded like a band out to please everybody. There's nothing wrong with that—as long as one doesn't mind sounding like everybody else on mainstream radio, anyway—and 3DD doesn't seem to.

Discerning listeners do mind, however. This wanting-to-please-all tendency was evident in their first two albums, but it's fully manifested in "Seventeen Days." It has resulted in a formulaic record that sounds like a rehash of everything that was already explored by more innovative bands during the grunge era of the '90s.

3DD's earlier releases—2000's "The Better Life" and 2002's "Away from the Sun"—yielded six No. 1 hits (remember "Kryptonite"?) and sold 12 million copies. "Seventeen Days" looks set to follow in those footsteps, what with its going platinum on its first week—and debuting at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart.

Commercial success

Commercial success is great, but the band fails to take advantage of the opportunity to bolster its rather lightweight cred. The musical fence-sitting that the boys did on "The Better Life" and "Away from the Sun" can be explained as the band trying to find its own sound.

But, when the guys give more of the same in their third album, you start thinking that there may not be anything more to them than being followers of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit."

Also, unlike the first two records, "Seventeen Days" does not come equipped with insidiously catchy songs that can reel you in on the strength of great hooks alone.

Forgettable

The tracks in this album are largely forgettable, with lyrics that are rather cheesy ("I'm trying to be somebody/ I'm not trying to be somebody else" from "Be Somebody"). If *that* doesn't make you go urk, then maybe the oh-so-clichéd "You love me, but you don't know who I am" sentiments of "Let Me Go" will.

There are glimpses of talent here and there, but *really*, this album is nothing more than a rock-by-numbers exercise. Perhaps if the band had taken a break after touring before they started "Seventeen Days," they could have allowed fresher ideas to germinate.

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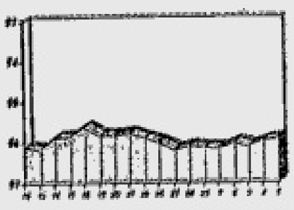
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STOCK MARKET

Shares close flat

SHARE prices closed flat yesterday as the market consolidated ahead of the weekend, dealers said.

However, select stocks led by Banco De Oro Universal Bank, which announced that it was acquiring a substantial stake in rival Equitable PCI Bank, advanced.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index fell 2.40 points to 1,975.60 after trading between 1,972.41 and 1,981.69. Turnover reached 453 million shares worth P1.45 billion.

Losers outnumbered gainers 42 to 29, with 58 stocks unchanged.

AFP

Sells entire stake in EPCIBank to Henry Sy

By Doris C. Dumlao

AFTER 55 years, the Go family is bowing out of the banking business after it agreed to sell its entire 24.7-percent stake in Equitable PCIBank to retail tycoon Henry Sy for P10.2 billion.

The deal, signed yesterday or a day after the Supreme Court indefinitely barred the Gos from the EPCIBank board, ended a bitter takeover attempt by the Sy camp that the beleaguered family had tried to fend off for more than a year.

Aside from the divestment deal, the Go family will unload its 10-percent stake in the country's biggest credit card issuer, Equitable Card Network, which is 90-percent owned by the bank.

Banco de Oro Universal Bank president Nestor Tan said the Sy group would buy the stake of the Go family in EPCIBank for P56.50 a share.

Newly installed EPCIBank chair Ferdinand Martin Romualdez said four seats in the 15-member board that had been reserved for the Go family would be given to the Sy group, but said it was too early to talk about a potential merger with BDO.

"It's premature because you have to get at least 67 percent of the bank to effect a merger. The Sys, for the meantime, might just be interested in keeping this investment and they will be properly represented," Romualdez said.

He said the SM group, for now a minority in EPCIBank, would likely follow the same route it took in China Banking Corp. where it patiently built up its holdings before finally getting majority control.

Since the buyout deal involved less than the 35-percent threshold set by the Philippine Stock Exchange, Romualdez said the Sys were not required to make a tender offer to other shareholders for now.

BDO has a standing offer to acquire another 10-percent stake in EPCIBank held by bank subsidiary EBC Investments Inc. and the 29-percent stake held by the Social Security System. An earlier deal with the SSS is still awaiting court clearance.

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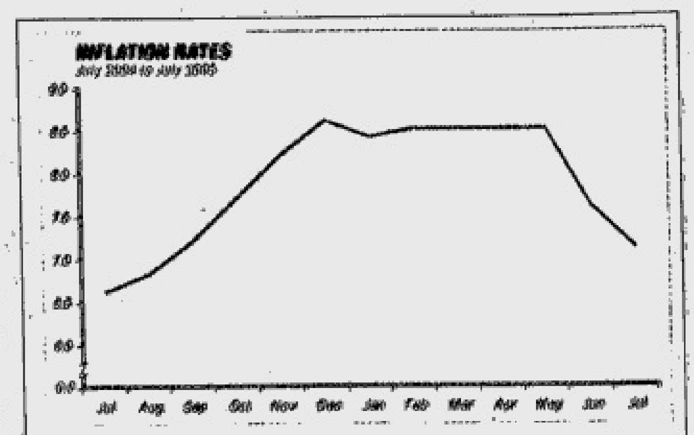

Inflation eased to 7.1% in July

By Michelle V. Remo

THE INCREASE in consumer prices further decelerated in July to 7.1 percent, the slowest rate recorded in 11 months, the National Statistics Office (NSO) reported yesterday.

The NSO said most commodity groups, including food items, posted a slower rate of increase in prices, tempering the average inflation rate from 7.6 percent in June and from an average of 8.5 percent from February to May.

The July inflation brought the average price increase in the first seven months of the year to 8.2 percent, still higher that the government's full-year target of 5 to 6 percent, which the National Economic and Development Authority had already admitted was unattainable.

Inflation in July last year was at 6.6 percent.

Analysts said the slowdown in inflation was a result basically of the high monthly inflation rates recorded in the second half of 2004 that provided a high base for computing year-on-year price increases.

However, doubts on the sustainability of the downtrend were raised following the volatility of oil prices, which might further shoot up in the months ahead, an-

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BSP: GIR fell to $17.67B in July

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES' gross international reserves fell to $17.67 billion at end-July from an all-time high of $17.723 billion posted in June mainly due to debt payments by the national government and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

"The outflows, however, were partly offset by inflows from the BSP's forex operations and income from investments abroad," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. yesterday reported.

The GIR build-up at end-July is enough to cover about four months of imports of goods and payments of services and income, according to the BSP.

By end-July 2005, the country's net international reserves—including reserve assets and reserve-related liabilities—reached $16.69 billion, slightly up from the $16.68 billion posted a month ago, the BSP said.

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BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

IN BUYING a bank, the SM group of mall and retail tycoon Henry "Tatang" Sy, which also owns Banco de Oro, follows only one rule.

That is, in exchange for its hard cash, the SM group should try as much as possible to get the best possible headache.

The SM group just agreed to spend more than P10 billion to acquire the 25 percent holdings of the Go family in Equitable PCI Bank.

Just to refresh your memory, in case you are behaving like witnesses to a scandalous jueteng-for-election swap deal, the bank is deep in s..t.

The government-run pension funds, the SSS and the GSIS, are still pursuing an audit of the questionable P16-billion deal of the bank, involving the Go family.

That will not likely change, despite their changing partners. Charges against the partners ought to be filed, even if they are necessary.

Whadayano, the SM group bought the holdings of the very same, the one and only Go family. Quick, somebody, give the SM group some aspirin.

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MEANWHILE, even before the official disclosure of the Sy-Go deal at the Philippine Stock Exchange, the price of Equitable PCI shares was the subject of a miracle.

The price went up yesterday P56.40 per share.

That was pretty much the price the SM group agreed to pay the Go family for their holdings in the bank.

Of course it does not mean anything, except that some stock market players probably got hold of the buyout information before the public did.

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ANYWAY, even with the change of partner in the bank, the SSS and the GSIS are still going to pursue the audit.

That P16-billion deal, based on the bank's annual reports, involves the use of bank funds to honor the commitment of the Go family in its acquisition, together with the two pension funds, of the old PCIBank some six years ago.

Question: Does the entry of the SM group as the "white knight" for the Go family, mean that everything should now be forgiven—even if it is not forgotten?

Based on the ongoing SSS-GSIS crusade for transparency in the bank, it is clear that the P16 billion harmed their investments in the bank.

The market value of their investments in the bank, for instance, is now roughly half of their original amounts.

From what I heard, the SSS for instance even bought some more Equitable PCI shares after the joint-venture with the Go family.

Together, the two pension funds invested already close to P20 billion in the bank, and recovering the original investments, at the very least, should still be their goal.

That much the SSS and the GSIS owe their millions of members.

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NOW the pension funds can also question the deal between the SM group and the Go family.

What happens to the harm done on the bank by that P16 billion?

Earlier, the former president of Equitable PCI, veteran banker Deogracias Vistan, wanted the Go family to pledge their shares in the bank as payment for damages done on the bank from the collapse of the family-owned Equitable Leasing.

Vistan was eased out by the same Go family.

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BUT at least the sellout by the Go family can bring about peace in the bank—much different from the Bangko Sentral-brokered peace, which actually favored the Go family.

Hopefully for us SSS and GSIS members, if the change in ownership would stop the reported foolishness in the bank, its profits would go up, and the market price should follow suit.

That's the only time they can talk of merging the bank with SM group's Banco de Oro.

In the end, all we, as SSS and GSIS members, are hoping for is for the pension funds to regain some value in our investments in the bank. Before anything else!

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Coco export earnings up 14% in H1

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE COUNTRY'S export earnings from coconuts and coconut products in the first half of 2005 reached $445.75 million, up by 14 percent from the $390 million of the previous year, the Philippine Coconut Authority reported yesterday.

The high demand for Philippine coconut oil during the second quarter buoyed the semester's sales growth, PCA Administrator Jesus Emmanuel Paras yesterday said.

"The country's traditional agriculture export—the coconut oil—brought in some $296 million, up by 6.64 percent from last year's $277.6 million," Paras said. "There is also a slight increase of 2 percent in the volumes sold."

According to data from PCA, some 480 metric tons of coconut oil were sold during the period. The price of the commodity also went up by 5 percent to $616.9 per metric ton, as compared to the $589 per metric ton recorded in the same period last year.

Three major coconut products—the desiccated coconut, coco shell charcoal and coco-chemicals—also contributed to the sales growth, the PCA data indicated.

The country's export of desiccated coconut was up by 44 percent to 60,000 metric tons as compared with the 42,000 metric tons shipped out last year.

Also, earnings from coco shell charcoal are up by 35 percent to $58.97 million. Coco chemicals are up by 23.14 percent, grossing $30.82 million, the PCA said.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of August 5, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	30	33	30	32	1,724,800
Bank of the Phil. Islands	50	50	49	49.5	1,047,900
China Banking Corp.	770	770	765	765	2,580
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.54	0.57	0.54	0.56	1,520,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	51.5	56	51.5	54.5	2,224,200
International Exch. Bank	19	19	19	19	10,700
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	28	27.5	27.5	469,700
Philippine National Bank	46	46	46	46	95,600
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	20,000
Security Bank Corp.	31	32	31	32	5,084,800
Union Bank of the Phil.	30	30.5	30	30.5	19,900
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ATR Kim Eng Fin. Corp.	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82	70,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	2870	2900	2870	2900	1,260
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.02	1.06	1.02	1.04	1,165,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2050	2070	2050	2070	2,800
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	53,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	1.02	1.02	1	1	2,483,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	810	810	800	805	119,810
Ipeople Inc.	3	3	2.95	2.95	225,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.046	0.048	0.046	0.048	1,300,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.06	0.06	0.0575	0.0575	36,800,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	10,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	2	2	2	2	33,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	2.95	3	2.85	2.9	6,524,000
Transpacific Broadcast	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	40,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1625	1635	1625	1635	120,590
Ivantage Corp.	0.55	0.57	0.55	0.57	220,000
Philweb Corp.	0.018	0.018	0.017	0.017	20,500,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	15	15	14.75	14.75	142,000
Manila Electric Co. B	25.5	25.5	24.75	24.75	558,000
Manila Water Co. Inc	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.7	10,461,000
Petron Corp.	3.2	3.2	3.15	3.15	2,845,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	68,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Aboitiz Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	2,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	408,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3	3.05	3	3	349,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	5,000
Supercity Rlty Dev. Corp.					
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	60,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	25,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	31.5	31.5	31	31	33,000
RFM Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	110,000
San Miguel Corp. A	69	69.5	69	69.5	72,900
San Miguel Corp. B	99.5	100	99	100	110,600
Universal Robina Corp.	16	16	16	16	72,900
Vitarich Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	200,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Atok-Big Wedge Co. Inc.	5	5	5	5	5,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	10,000,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	1,000,000
Ayala Corp.	305	305	297.5	297.5	127,310
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.56	0.62	0.56	0.57	36,460,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.9	4.9	4.85	4.85	16,003,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.026	0.026	0.025	0.025	3,500,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2	2	1.98	1.98	113,000
APC Group, Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1,200,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	169,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	90,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc	10.5	10.5	10.25	10.25	18,500
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	2,576,000
A Brown Co. Inc.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	20,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.215	0.215	0.21	0.21	410,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	270,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.24	0.24	0.235	0.235	870,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	2.95	2.95	2.85	2.85	969,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	500,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	712,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	43.5	43.5	43	43.5	360,200
House of Investments Inc.	0.9	0.9	0.88	0.88	360,000
Ionics Inc.	1.26	1.26	1.24	1.24	170,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc	3.4	3.4	3.35	3.35	702,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.84	1.86	1.82	1.82	401,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.38	1.38	1.36	1.36	3,661,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	7,410,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.19	0.19	600,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.26	0.32	0.26	0.28	5,090,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	200,000
SM Investments Corp.	214	222	214	222	1,423,330
South China Resources Inc.	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	20,000
Seafront Resources Corp.	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	30,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.175	0.175	0.17	0.175	4,830,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.125	0.13	0.125	0.13	1,300,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	320,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp	1.58	1.58	1.5	1.58	144,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.94	0.95	0.94	0.95	1,250,000
Acesite Phils Hotel Corp.	6.9	6.9	5.5	5.5	4,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp	1.36	1.38	1.36	1.38	344,000
Manila Jockey Club	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	20,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc	0.78	0.28	0.28	0.28	100,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr)	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	642,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series H	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series O	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	800
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Q	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	900
PLDT (10% Pref) Series S	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,500
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	5,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,400
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	3,500
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	34,000
Far Eastern University	510	510	510	510	200
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	3,876,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.9	0.91	0.9	0.91	190,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.225	0.23	0.225	0.225	5,360,000
Empire East Land Inc	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	2,800,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	533,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.195	0.2	0.195	0.2	70,000
City & Land Developers	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.74	6,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	110,000
SM Development Corp.	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	4,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.2	7,547,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co., Inc. A	0.9	1	0.9	0.95	130,000
Apex Mining Co., Inc B	0.9	0.95	0.9	0.95	240,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	26,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	4.9	4.9	4.85	4.85	46,000
Benguet Corp. A	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	5,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	100,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.33	200,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	1,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	18,500,000
Omico Corp.	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	1,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	20,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	330,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	264,500
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	20,000
OIL					
Imperial Res	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	3,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	7,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	1,000,000
Pacifica	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	1,000,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3.95	4	3.85	3.85	791,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	200,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.35	0.37	0.35	0.37	850,000

DISCLOSURES

MANULIFE Financial Corp. approved a quarterly shareholders' dividend of C$0.30 per share on its common shares, payable starting Sept. 19 to shareholders of record as of Aug. 16. Canadian withholding tax of 15 percent will apply. It also reported a record second quarter shareholders' earnings of $839 million.

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BANCO de Oro Universal Bank signed an agreement to acquire the shareholdings of the Go family group in Equitable PCI Bank Inc. (24.76 percent) and Equitable Card Network Inc. (10 percent).

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CHINA Banking Corp. posted a P1.61 billion first half net income, 19 percent higher than the net income in the same period last year. ***Compiled by Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research***

Inflation eased . . .

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alysts said.

While China's economy was expected to slow down a bit this year from a 9.5-percent growth in 2004, it actually maintained the same level of growth in the second quarter. China is one of the biggest consumers of oil.

The NSO said in its report that all commodity groups, except for housing and repairs (whose inflation rate accelerated from 4.4 percent the previous month to 4.7 percent in July) posted a slower inflation rate.

The inflation rate for food, beverages and tobacco eased to 5.9 percent in July from 6.5 percent in June; clothing, 3.5 percent from 3.7 percent; fuel, light and water, 18.9 percent from 19.1 percent, and services, 9.9 percent from 11.2 percent.

Go family bows out . . .

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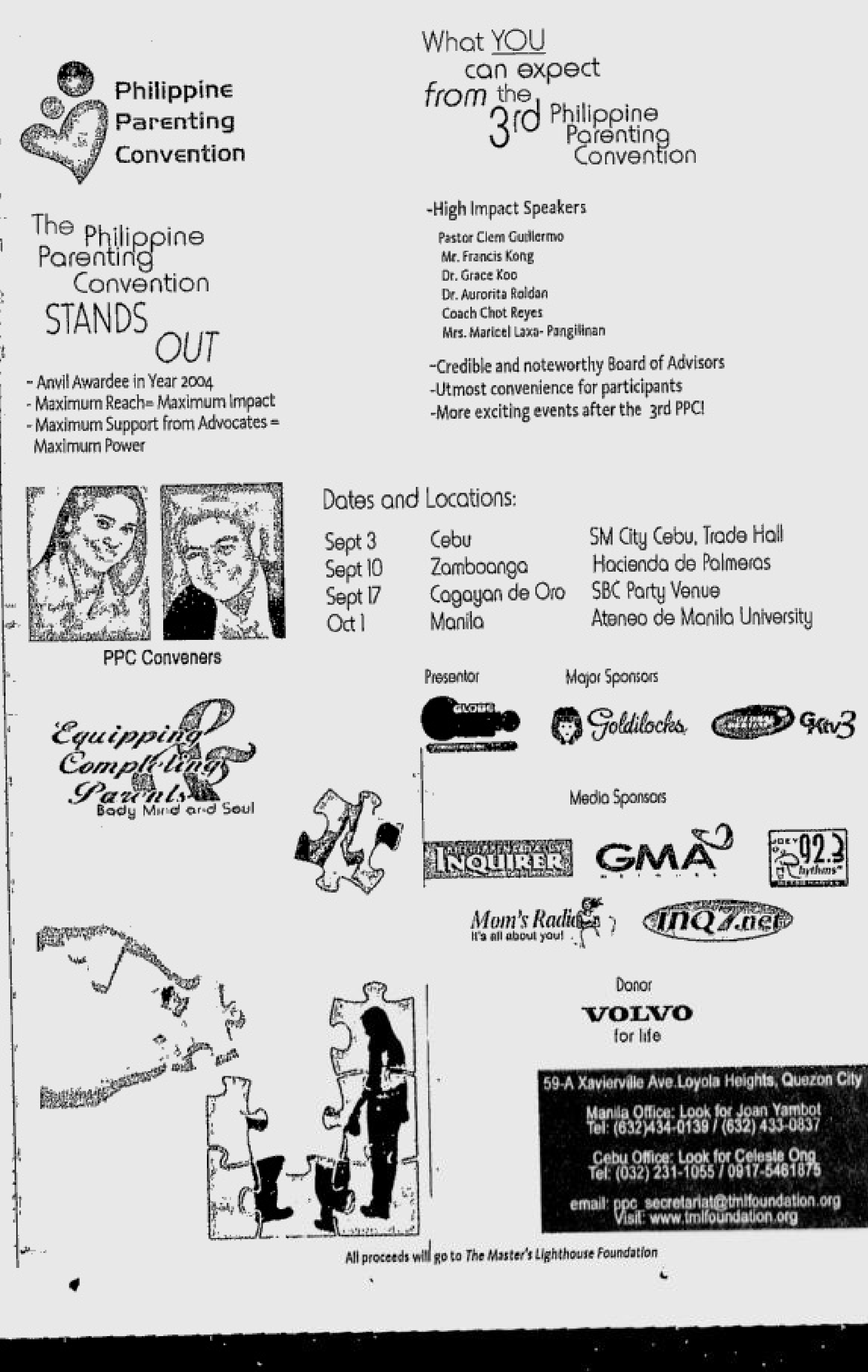
surged at the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday on news that the Sys finally obtained a foothold in the country's third biggest lender.

A potential three-way merger between BDO, EPCIBank and China Bank in the future will make the surviving entity the biggest banking conglomerate in the Philippines in terms of assets, toppling either Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. or Bank of the Philippine Islands.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said: "That's a positive development for the banking system. It's consistent and in line with our desire to see bigger and stronger banks. Hopefully with this transaction, there can be a quick and orderly resolution of the shareholder issue besetting the bank."

The majority bloc comprising the SSS, the Government Service Insurance System and the Romualdez family's Trans Middle-East Philippine Equities Inc. (TMEQ) welcomed the entry of the SM group into EPCIBank.

With a report from Elizabeth Sanchez



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Balance Sheet

Particulars	2004	2003	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Increase (Decrease) Percent
ASSETS				
Current Assets	971,389,231.0	969,334,756.1	2,054,474.9	0.2
Cash	141,984,410.0	175,259,509.5	(33,275,099.6)	(19.0)
Receivables	759,313,984.4	736,544,223.0	22,769,761.4	3.1
Inventories	20,592,014.0	18,116,918.1	2,475,095.8	13.7
Prepayments	46,770,896.2	37,637,131.3	9,133,764.9	24.3
Other Current Assets	2,727,926.5	1,776,974.2	950,952.3	53.5
Investments	668,009,374.3	611,145,530.9	56,863,843.4	9.3
Property, Plant and Equipment (net of Depreciation)	708,232,303.5	740,503,966.7	(-32,271,663.3)	(4.4)
Land, Land Improvements and Leasehold Improvements	215,241,590.4	239,792,388.2	(24,550,797.8)	(10.2)
Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	115,465,053.7	118,829,030.1	(3,363,976.4)	(2.8)
Office Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	28,224,525.5	28,974,309.2	(749,783.7)	(2.6)
Machineries and Equipment	42,333,787.6	44,860,617.7	(2,526,830.1)	(5.6)
Transportation Equipment	16,873,224.8	18,572,488.8	(1,699,264.1)	(9.1)
Other Property, Plant and Equipment and Leasehold Improvements	85,771,273.6	117,693,742.1	(31,922,468.5)	(27.1)
Construction in Progress	204,322,847.9		32,541,457.4	18.9
Other Assets	15,669,106.5	19,618,556.4	(3,949,449.9)	(20.1)
TOTAL ASSETS	2,363,300,015.2	2,340,602,810.2	22,697,205.0	1.0
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current Liabilities	225,895,902.8	204,096,579.5	21,799,323.3	10.7
Payable Accounts	197,278,193.7	174,501,247.9	22,776,945.8	13.1
Other Liability Accounts	28,617,709.1	29,595,331.6	(977,622.5)	(3.3)
Long-Term Liabilities	3,706,276,822.7	3,321,563,721.9	384,713,100.8	11.6
Domestic	2,008,639,090.7	1,759,979,448.2	248,659,642.5	14.1
Foreign	1,697,637,732.0	1,561,584,273.7	136,053,458.3	8.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,932,172,725.5	3,525,660,301.5	406,512,424.1	11.5
Deferred Credits	57,305,809.4	11,786,017.7	45,519,791.7	386.2
Equity				
Government Equity [1]	(1,626,178,519.7)	(1,196,843,509.0)	(-429,335,010.8)	35.9
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	2,363,300,015.2	2,340,602,810.2	22,697,205.0	1.0

Difference between totals and sum of components is due to rounding off

[1] *See details in statement below*

Statement of Government Equity

Particulars	2004	2003	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Increase (Decrease) Percent
Government Equity, Beginning Balance	(1,196,843,509.0)	(940,039,401.7)	(256,804,107.3)	27.3
Retained Operating Surplus	(429,335,010.8)	(256,804,107.3)	(172,530,903.5)	67.2
Current Operations	(344,176,672.2)	(173,952,396.3)	(170,224,275.9)	97.9
Transfer to Registry of Public Infrastructures	(144,861,155.1)	(197,077,331.9)	52,216,176.8	(26.5)
Transfer to Registry of Reforestation Projects	(1,780,224.1)	(2,124,820.0)	344,596.0	(16.2)
Prior Years' and Other Adjustments	61,483,040.6	116,350,440.9	(54,867,400.3)	(47.2)
Government Equity, Ending Balance	(1,626,178,519.7)	(1,196,843,509.0)	(429,335,010.8)	35.9

Difference between totals and sum of components is due to rounding off

Statement of Income and Expenses

Particulars	2004	2003	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Increase (Decrease) Percent
INCOME	725,531,993.4	653,652,786.9	71,879,206.6	11.0
Tax Revenue	604,171,987.0	550,859,022.4	53,312,964.6	9.7
General Income	121,360,006.4	102,793,764.5	18,566,241.9	18.1
Permits and Licenses	457,451.9	453,163.8	4,288.1	0.9
Service Income	46,741,559.3	40,917,054.8	5,824,504.5	14.2
Business Income	8,122,411.9	4,125,281.5	3,997,130.4	96.9
Other Income	66,038,583.2	57,298,264.4	8,740,318.8	15.3
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES	363,450,173.4	345,909,528.6	17,540,644.8	5.1
Personal Services	282,071,276.4	279,627,611.0	2,443,665.4	0.9
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	81,378,897.0	66,281,917.5	15,096,979.5	22.8
Net Income from Current Operations	362,081,820.0	307,743,258.3	54,338,561.7	17.7
Less: Financial Expenses	294,867,730.6 [1]	253,239,155.1	41,628,575.5	16.4
Net Income Before Other Income/Expenses	67,214,089.4	54,504,103.2	12,709,986.2	23.3
Add/(Deduct):				
Subsidy to:	(179,559,323.6)	(196,360,781.5)	(16,801,457.9)	(8.6)
Local Government Units	(140,170,839.9)	(143,899,818.3)	(3,728,978.4)	(2.6)
Government Owned and Controlled Corporations	(17,987,760.6)	(23,777,461.9)	(5,789,701.3)	(24.3)
Others	(21,400,723.0)	(28,683,501.2)	(7,282,778.2)	(25.4)
Net Gain (Loss):	(231,831,438.0)	(32,095,718.1)	(199,735,720.0)	622.3
Absorption of National Power Corporation's Liabilities	(195,481,638.2) [2]	-	(195,481,638.2)	
Foreign Exchange (FOREX)	(36,223,842.0)	(31,808,820.0)	(4,415,021.9)	13.9
Sale of Securities	60,519.7	223,597.9	(163,078.2)	(72.9)
Sale of Disposed Assets	(31,637.6)	(475,729.1)	444,091.5	(93.3)
Others	(154,840.0)	(34,766.8)	(120,073.2)	345.4
Net Income (Loss)	(344,176,672.2)	(173,952,396.3)	(170,224,275.9)	97.9

Difference between totals and sum of components is due to rounding off

Notes:

[1] *Includes Interest Expenses of ₱279 billion for servicing of public debt and Loss on Guaranty of ₱9.9 billion for the servicing of the MRT 1 Loan and foreign exchange risk cover claims for National Government guaranteed obligations*

[2] *Pursuant to RA 9136 (Electric Power Industry Reform Act)*

Statement of Cash Flows

Particulars	2004	2003	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Increase (Decrease) Percent
Cash Flow from Operating Activities:				
Cash Inflows	1,427,179,205.3	1,205,725,327.9	221,453,877.4	18.4
Cash Ouflows	1,256,014,692.6	1,121,457,832.1	134,556,860.5	12.0
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	171,164,512.7	84,267,495.8	86,897,016.9	103.1
Cash Flow from Investing Activities:				
Cash Inflows	312,260,948.5	122,751,379.5	189,509,569.0	154.4
Cash Ouflows	537,404,924.6	273,980,459.1	263,424,465.5	96.1
Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(225,143,976.1)	(151,229,079.5)	(73,914,896.6)	48.9
Cash Flow from Financing Activities:				
Cash Inflows	1,586,966,211.7 [1]	1,509,612,791.3	77,353,420.4	5.1
Cash Ouflows	1,566,261,848.0 [2]	1,413,344,222.8	152,917,625.2	10.8
Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	20,704,363.7	96,268,568.5	(75,564,204.8)	(78.5)
Total Cash provided by Operating, Investing and Financing Activities	(33,275,099.6)	29,306,984.8	(62,582,084.4)	(213.5)
Add: Cash Balance, Beginning	175,259,509.5	145,726,142.1	29,533,367.4	20.3
Cash Balance at the End	141,984,410.0	175,033,126.9 [3]	(33,048,717.0)	(18.9)

Difference between total and sum of components is due to rounding off

Notes:

[1] *Includes proceeds from Domestic and Foreign Loans of ₱1,386.3 billion and ₱172.6 billion, respectively*

[2] *Includes payment of Domestic Loans - ₱1,177.7 billion, Foreign Loans - ₱117 billion, Relent and Guaranteed Loans - ₱45.4 billion, Interest Expenses - ₱204.8 billion, Commitment Charges - ₱238.5 million, Other Financial Charges - ₱651.5 million, Debt Service Subsidy to Defunct and/or Fully Disposed GOCCs - ₱3 billion, Currency Swap Payable - ₱6.3 billion and Loss on Guaranty - ₱9.8 billion*

[3] *Excludes ₱226.4 million cash balance per 2003 Balance Sheet of the agencies which failed to submit their Individual Statement of Cash Flows*

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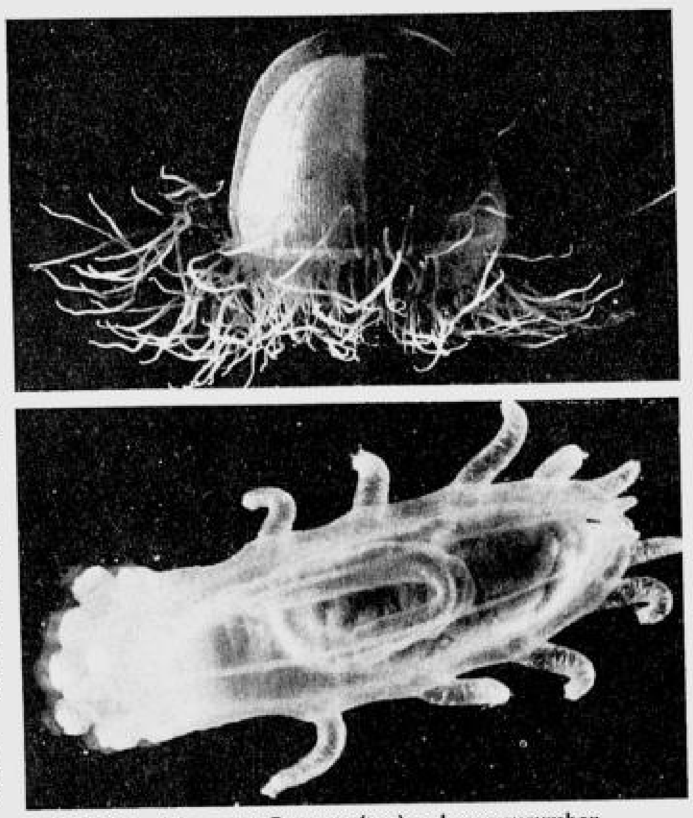
Explorers find Arctic ocean teeming with life



A JELLY fish of the genus Crossota (top) and a sea cucumber (bottom) are among the species collected from a basin off Canada's Arctic coast. REUTERS/NOAA/HANDOUT

OTTAWA—The remotest depths of the Arctic ocean are surprisingly full of life, including previously unknown species of jellyfish and worms, said a scientific team which just finished exploring the area.

The scientists, led by the University of Alaska, used robot submarines and sonar to probe an isolated 3,800-meter basin off Canada's Arctic coast where they fear species could be at risk from global warming.

"We were surprised by the abundance and the diversity of life in this environment. Even at a depth of 3,000 meters we found animals on the sea floor, we found sea cucumbers...and all kinds of jellyfish and crustaceans," said Rolf Gradinger of the University of Alaska, the chief scientist on the voyage.

"Some of the species that we saw are completely new to science, they have not been described in any area of the earth so far," he said.

The species are a jellyfish and three kinds of benthic bristle worms.

The team also found unexpectedly high numbers of cod as well as the first squid, octopus and flea-like crustaceans ever seen in an icy environment.

Census of marine life

Scientists from the United States, Canada, Russia and China spent 30 days on the US icebreaker Healy as part of a $1-billion, 10-year global Census of Marine Life funded by governments, companies and private donors.

The Healy returned on July 26 with thousands of specimens from the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas and the Canada Basin, a vast bowl walled by steep ridges and covered with ice.

The team said the data would help measure the impact of climate change and, should polar caps continue receding, the damage done by increased energy exploitation, fishing and shipping.

"This is a benchmark and we hope that in the next 10, 20 or 30 years these kinds of studies will be repeated to see whether any kinds of changes have occurred in the composition and the abundance of animal life," said Gradinger.

Ice-free by 2100

United Nations studies say the Arctic could be largely ice-free in summer by 2100 because of global warming, blamed mostly on gas emissions from cars, power plants and factories.

The scientists say that if the northern polar cap melts, more southerly species could enter Arctic waters and disrupt the ecology.

The team also said explorers would carry out similar studies in the Southern Ocean around the Antarctic, where conditions are much less settled than in the Canada Basin.

"Scientists now theorize the swirling Southern Ocean current is an evolutionary caldron, upwelling Antarctic nutrients and mixing life forms from the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans, returning them in centrifuge-like fashion," the team said in a statement.

The Australian Antarctic Division in Hobart will lead the project from December 2007 to March 2008. It will involve up to 200 scientists from 30 countries and take samples from as deep as 5,000 meters.

"Because the Southern Ocean appears to be so critical to the biology of the global ocean system, scientists are eager to understand how continued climate change, if realized, will affect it and the other oceans in turn," the team said. *Reuters*

ARCTIC EXPLORATION

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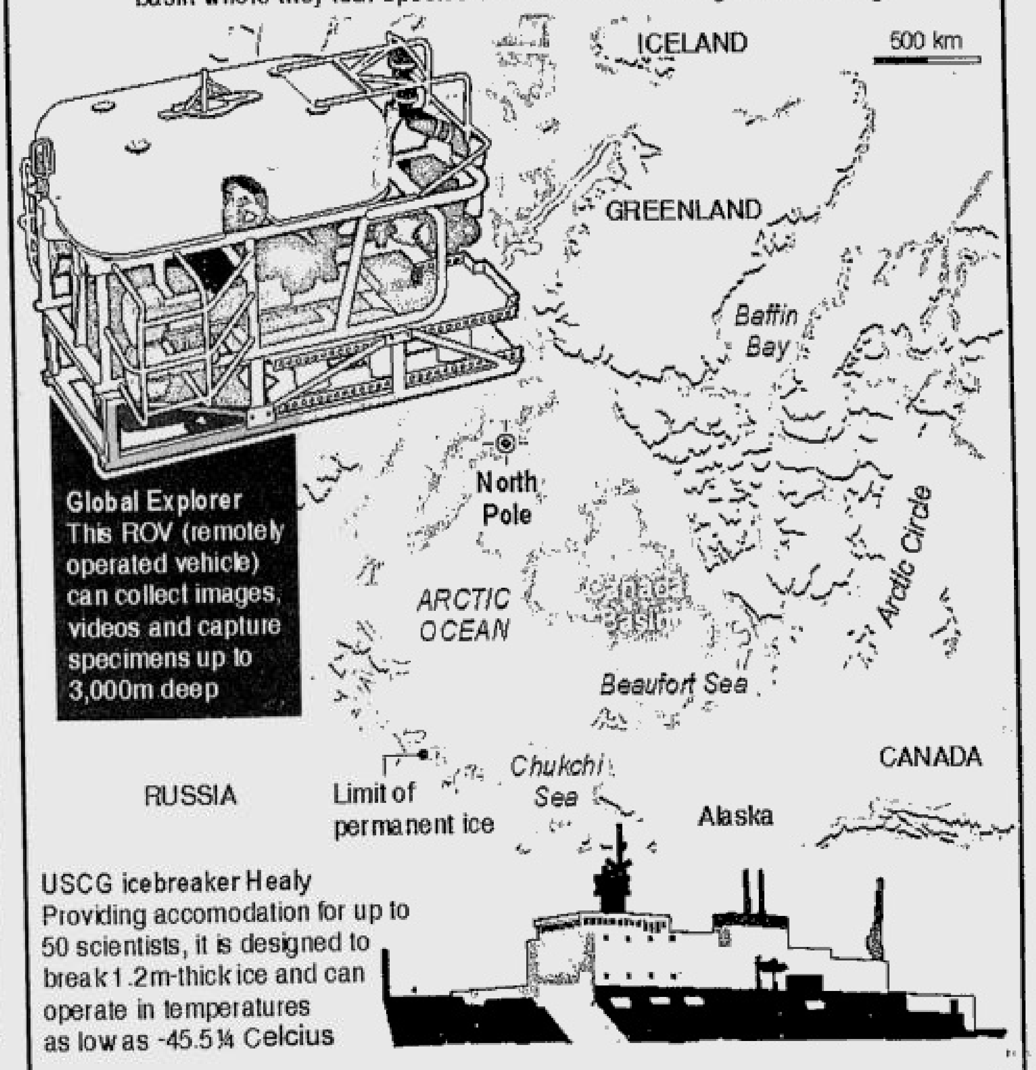


Global Explorer
This ROV (remotely operated vehicle) can collect images, videos and capture specimens up to 3,000m deep

USCG icebreaker Healy
Providing accomodation for up to 50 scientists, it is designed to break 1.2m-thick ice and can operate in temperatures as low as -45.5¼ Celcius

Source: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

REUTERS

UN agency adds hormone pills to list of cancerous substances

LONDON—The United Nation's cancer agency has added hormone pills to the list of substances that can cause cancer.

In a review of existing research, the International Agency for Research on Cancer declared last week that based on consistent evidence emerging from studies published over the last few years, it has reclassified hormonal menopause therapy from "possibly carcinogenic" to "carcinogenic."

The declaration from the World Health Organization's cancer agency, which is widely regarded as the international authority on which substances cause cancer, comes after several recent high-profile studies linking combination hormone replacement therapy, or HRT, to breast cancer.

Raises risk

The analysis, conducted by a panel of 21 scientists, concluded that estrogen and progestin menopause therapy also slightly increases the risk of endometrial cancer when progestin is taken less than 10 days a month.

Research has indicated that the chance of a woman developing breast cancer during her life is one in seven.

A landmark study used in the UN agency's analysis suggested that long-term use of the hormones raises the lifetime risk of breast cancer to about one in six.

Contraceptive pill, too

The agency also concluded that a common type of contraceptive pill, taken by about 10 percent of women of reproductive age, increases the risk of more types of cancer than previously thought.

It had previously determined that the pill combining estrogen and progestin can cause liver cancer. Now, further research has demonstrated that it also slightly increases the risk of breast and cervical cancer.

However, the investigation also confirmed that the pill protects against endometrial and ovarian cancers.

The increased cancer risk from the birth control pill was small and transient, the analysis found.

"It's a complicated picture," said Vincent Cogliano, head of the agency's department that evaluates the cancer risk of chemicals. "There are still other reasons to take it. Each woman has to discuss it with her doctor and weigh the risks and benefits" for either the contraceptive pill or hormone replacement therapy.

'Flat-out wrong'

While experts did not dispute the agency's conclusions on hormone replacement therapy, some were less convinced that current evidence proves the contraceptive pill is carcinogenic and urged caution in interpreting the conclusions.

"I think it's flat-out wrong," said Dr. Steven R. Goldstein, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at New York University Medical Center. "Most of the studies were using pills two-and-a-half to four times the dosage that I'm using today in most women."

"My advice to women is absolutely no different tomorrow than it was yesterday," Goldstein said. "In nonsmokers who have normal blood pressure, I think the benefits outweigh the risk. I think there's good science that they have less ovarian and uterine cancer and I don't think there's good science that they will have more breast cancer, especially in the doses and the way we are using it."

Eugenia Calle, director of analytic epidemiology at the American Cancer Society, was also less convinced by the labeling of birth control pills as carcinogenic.

Both she and Goldstein said they believed it was premature to tie the birth control pill to cervical cancer.

"For the breast, there is evidence for a very small increase in risk, but it's transient and goes away as soon as the pill is stopped. And these are used at a time of life when breast cancer rates are very, very low anyway," Calle said, adding that it's unclear whether the studies are revealing a cause of cancer or a promotion of cancer by providing an environment that encourages tumor cells to grow.

There are many drugs that can cause cancer, including cancer-fighting chemotherapies, immune-suppressing medications and radiation therapy. *AP*

Celebration of science

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

DURING the closing ceremonies of the National Science and Technology Week last July, RFM Corp. president Jose Concepcion III repeatedly stressed the importance of strong science and technology to support entrepreneurship efforts. He cited successful Filipinos in Palo Alto in California who harnessed technologies created in nearby Silicon Valley to improve their lives and their communities. Fittingly, the Department of Science and Technology decided to focus this year's celebration on "beating the odds through science and technology" and even produced an MTV on "technopreneurship."

The DOST presented awards to individuals and institutions who continue to work toward this end in the fields of molecular biology and pathology, herbal medicine, fisheries and aquatic research and development, industry and media.

Dr. Cynthia Hedreyda of the University of the Philippines National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology received the Dr. Eusebio Y. Garcia award for her work in gene markers and development of DNA-based procedures to classify and detect genes in bacteria and genetically modified corn and soybean. Her research could be applied to our agriculture and fishery industries.

Herbal medicine

UP Manila students were recognized by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development for their exemplary research in herbal medicine. The Gruppo Media Award was given to joint second-placers Karla Banaria and Geshiela Estrelon for their research on wound-healing properties of Centella gel and Sheena Aguilar, Precious Gomez and Jonalie Sison for their work on hypoglycemic action of a tablet from *Anacardium occidentale*; and third-placers Chelo Biones, Virgael Luzbeth Dimanlig and Ella Pon-an for their work on the antifungal action of an ointment from lemon grass.

Women dominated the awards, including those for agriculture and fisheries. Zubaida Basiao, Adelaida Arago and Roger Doyle received the Dr. Elvira O. Tan Memorial Award for their paper on farmer-oriented Nile tilapia breed improvement. The Outstanding Women in Fisheries and Aquatic Resources awardees included Dr. Rhodora Azanza of the UP Marine Science Institute, Floresma Dacuycuy of Isabela Green Valley Orchid Farm, Dr. Elvira Tan, Dr. Gloria Pantastico and Dr. Medina Delmendo (the last three awards were given posthumously).

Awardees from media

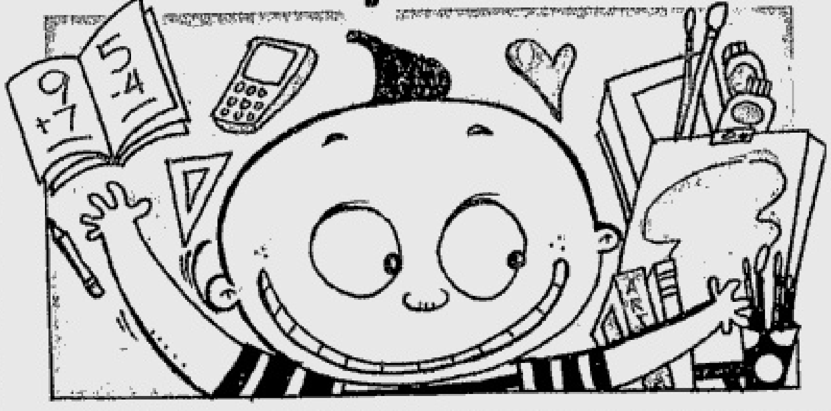
Media practitioners supportive of science were also recognized. The DOST Media Awards panel of judges was headed by UP Board of Regents member Dr. Georgina R. Encanto. Members were executive director Reynaldo Hulog of the Kapisanan ng mga Broadkaster ng Pilipinas, director Betty-Lou Penera of the Philippine Information Agency, executive director Jose Pavia of the Philippine Press Institute and Prof. Marcy Ballesteros of the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication.

Lyn Resurreccion of Today, Margie Ablaza of the Journey to Discovery program over dzEM, and Alex Villafania of INQ7.net won in the print, broadcast and online categories, respectively. Hall of Famers were Zac Sarian of Manila Bulletin, Divine Reyes of dwAN, Erwin Oliva of INQ7.net and Mayette Camacho of Channel 13. Louie Belmonte of Philippine Star was recognized for feature writing.

I would like to thank the INQUIRER, the DOST, the judges, the Ateneo and my sources for the award Best S & T Columnist, which I dedicate to my readers. Thank you for your constant support, reactions and suggestions. Keep them coming.

Discover, nurture your child's learning strengths

By Charles E. Buban



YOUR child can't figure out how to solve for "x" in algebra. Or perhaps understanding Shakespeare's sonnets is stressing him or her out.

Problems with schoolwork make many parents wish their children were more intelligent, but the truth is children may be smarter than their parents think they are.

According to educational psychologist Dr. Howard Gardner, there are eight types of intelligence and they are just as valuable as being good in numbers or in language.

The Harvard University professor was in the country early this year to attend the First Multiple Intelligence Convention where he discussed the eight intelligences and their impact on education and social awareness. The event was presented by Multiple Intelligence International School and Smart Kid and sponsored in part by Wyeth (maker of Promil Kid).

MI vs IQ

Gardner introduced the concept of Multiple Intelligences (MI) in 1983, which rephrased the concept of intelligence, defining it as a person's ability to solve problems and create useful products.

MI suggests that the traditional notion of intelligence, based on intelligence quotient or IQ testing, is far too limited.

Gardner says the eight different intelligences account for a broader range of human potential in children and even in adults.

With these intelligences, Gardner says a person may be better off than others because Nature gave that person a better brain.

These intelligences are:

- **Logical-mathematical intelligence (number/reasoning smart).** Probably the most recognized type of intelligence in school, it is evidenced by a person's ability to make sense of equations and statistics.
- **Linguistic intelligence (word smart).** Another readily recognized type of intelligence that is often seen in students who can communicate well and make sense of the world through language.
- **Bodily kinesthetic intelligence (body smart).** It is manifested by individuals who show good coordination, balance, flexibility and speed. Athletes, surgeons, dancers and crafts people are some of those who display this type of intelligence.
- **Spatial intelligence (picture smart).** It is shown by people who have a good eye for visual information like architects, engineers and painters.
- **Musical intelligence (music smart).** It is often possessed by people who create, communicate and make meaning with sounds. Good listeners and critics of music also possess musical intelligence, even if they are not endowed with a good voice.
- **Interpersonal intelligence (people smart).** It is manifested by people who are good at reading other's feelings and intentions, like teachers, politicians, psychologists and salespeople.
- **Intrapersonal intelligence (self smart).** It is manifested by people who are strongly aware of their own feelings. They have an honest and accurate picture of themselves, tend to have a healthy self-esteem, and practice self-discipline. Some writers and counselors have this type of intelligence.
- **Naturalist intelligence (nature smart).** It is often shown by individuals who can recognize patterns in nature, likes the outdoors and is very curious about the environment. Gardeners, botanists and archaeologists count on their naturalist intelligence to classify features of the environment and cultural artifacts.

Several intelligences

According to Gardner, people can possess more than one of these intelligences as people have unique and varied interests and abilities, and thus, should be allowed to explore them.

Most educational systems give more attention to linguistic and logical-mathematical intelligences and many children who have gifts in other intelligences don't receive much reinforcement in school.

Gardner says teachers and parents should give equal attention to individuals who show gifts in these other intelligences.

"With Gardner's enlightened view of intelligences, it would be reasonable to begin to try to assess the other intelligences more directly to reveal the strengths of many overlooked students," said Tricia Manjon, senior product manager of Promil Kid.

Wyeth has been actively supporting programs involving MI and helping gifted young people in showing their talents to a wider audience.

A healthy lifestyle city for all

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

TWO weeks ago, close to 300 scientists and heart specialists from around the world shared their unpublished research data during the 12th World Congress of Heart Diseases. It was fitting to discuss a depressing topic as the ravages of cardiovascular disease in a refreshingly beautiful city as Vancouver in Canada. And more than the valuable updates I learned during the scientific sessions, I couldn't help but ponder on how health-promoting and health-adverse some cities could be.

Vancouver is known as the 21st century "lifestyle" city for good reasons. One can find deeply wooded areas and a 1,000-acre park in the heart of the city. Despite the progressive status of this haven, life does not appear to have a stressful pace.

Walking trails are found in many areas, including residential subdivisions. A refreshing view of coastal mountains with snow-tipped ones from afar offers an invigorating ambiance to the city that is the envy of urbanites worldwide.

You can go to the center of the main avenue and take a deep breath without going into fits of coughing that can make you turn cyanotic, as chances are you would if you do it at the center island on Edsa.

It's probably wishful thinking if we could have several big parks in Metro Manila. It seems that every square inch is devoted to the construction of a building for office, residence or a shopping mall. Parks and open spaces are the "lungs" of the city and our urban planners should make sure that we have enough of them.

Like smoker's lungs

A city that has too few parks and open spaces is like the lungs of a heavy smoker that have been utterly destroyed by the nicotine and other harmful elements of tobacco: its oxygen-delivering capability is severely hampered.

Parks not only provide fresher air and better oxygen exchange for our lungs. They also afford a haven for our physically, emotionally and mentally fatigued bodies and minds. They provide a much-needed soothing balm for our frayed nerves, especially in nerve-wracking times like this.

They restore balance in our physical and mental health since they offer a venue for regular exercise and to escape what health authors call the maddening "jar of the streets" of the city. It's well-established that exercise helps build cardiovascular fitness and relieves the psychological and physiological stress long linked to poor health.

Parks provide a leisurely atmosphere that assists in maintaining physical and mental health by helping people resist stress-induced illness, and this could lead to enhanced well-being. They mitigate the effects of stress and this could help people cope better.

Parks advocate William Poole put it aptly when he said: "The chance to escape the city's noise and bustle also relieves stress, which might otherwise be expressed through aggression or the abuse of drugs and alcohol. Parks also contribute to public health by helping mitigate air pollution, noise and other environmental stressors, and by acting as green buffers between industrial areas and residential neighborhoods."

Converting public land

Poole fought for the conversion of public lands into parks. Here, public lands are leased and converted into townhouses and revenue-generating buildings. Someone should probably do a research on how our lack of parks and open spaces impact on the health-care cost and increase in crime and drug abuse in our country. Our government officials will probably realize that it's more cost-effective to convert public lands into parks and open spaces rather than fill them up with buildings.

It may be a big challenge to do this in Metro Manila, but a little creativity can help alleviate the utter lack of parks and open spaces.

Mayor Lito Atienza's conversion of the idle land along Roxas Boulevard into a decent bay walk is a good example of how to transform a former "no man's land," where holdup men prey on hapless victims, into something meaningful.

The Baywalk is the closest semblance to a walking trail I can think of find in Metro Manila. I once walked the stretch from the US Embassy to the Cultural Center of the Philippines and I look forward to doing that again.

A truly healthy lifestyle city is a vision worth pursuing for Metro Manila and our other cities in the country.

'Engendered trust'

DISCOVER

Massie Santos Ballon

TRUST is an important factor in any relationship, often being cited when establishing the strength of said bond. One of the more interesting questions though, is how trust is established in the first place between strangers. Some relationships are founded on the basis of shared interests, such as motherhood or coin collecting. Other relationships stem from having mutual friends or acquaintances.

The delight in discovering common ground leads to thoughts such as, "He can't be a bad person—he knows why Sunspot and Sideswipe are cooler than Jazz and Ironhide," or "She knows Carla and she understands why Blue's Clues was better when Steve was the host, not Joe. Therefore she is to be trusted with decorating our baby's nursery." And thoughts such as these lead to the formation of a relationship.

Deciding to trust strangers

In a study which appeared in last month's issue of the journal Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, psychologist Marilyn Brewer and her colleagues at the Ohio State University look at how men and women decide to trust strangers. Several studies on behavioral differences between men and women have noted men and women do not handle relationships the same way. For example, some studies say that men tend to emphasize their belonging to one or more groups, whereas women tend to emphasize on individual relationships.

Given all this, Brewer et al. hypothesized that, when faced with strangers, men tend to trust one with whom they share a common interest, whereas women tend to trust one with whom they have friends or acquaintances in common. To prove this theory, they conducted a series of experiments to see if subtly varying the definition of the term "stranger" would affect how both genders would interact with an unknown person.

Participants

Nearly 150 students—79 males and 68 females—from Ohio State took part in the study. All participants worked from computer terminals, using a variation of a game devised by Japanese researchers in 1999. The students were asked to decide if they would accept $3 from the researcher, or up to $11 from a stranger. Researchers then set up the latter option so that during each of 3 trial runs, the stranger would be either: a) a fellow student at Ohio State; b) a fellow student at another university at which the participant had mentioned knowing someone; or c) a fellow student at another university where the participant knew no one.

Given their earlier hypotheses, Brewer et al. theorized that the male participants would trust strangers within the same group and so would trust the unknown fellow student from Ohio State more then, if not rather than, the other unknown student benefactors. Similarly, they assumed that the female participants would be more willing to trust the strangers from Ohio State and the universities where they knew people more than the stranger from the university they knew nothing about save perhaps its name.

Findings

After each of the three trials, the students were asked how much they trusted the stranger—the unknown variable in itself as opposed to any of the distinct categories presented—to actually give them an amount worth more than the researcher's guaranteed $3 offer. Brewer et al. noted with surprise that in each case, over 75 percent of the participants—gender made no difference—believed that the stranger would give them more than what the researcher was offering.

They were then asked to state how much they thought the stranger had given them. Brewer et al. found that the male students expected the category (a) stranger to give them more than the other two strangers, while the female students expected that the category (a) and (b) strangers would give them more than the stranger from the university they knew nothing about save perhaps its name. Their findings bore out Brewer et al.'s theories.

"In our [American] culture," Brewer said later in a press release of the study's findings, "it doesn't take much to activate an initial trust.... That level of trust is important in our society because it allows us to do business with each other and develop new relationships."

As a previous study by Brewer et al. involving Japanese and American participants yield slightly different results, further research is necessary to see how these hypotheses would work not just within other cultures, but also amid other cultures. Who knows—by learning how to trust strangers, and not just within specific genders either, these findings could lead to world peace and lasting international harmony.

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GE Healthcare's Volume CT Scanner world's fastest volumetric imaging

GE HEALTHCARE Technologies, a division of GE Philippines Inc., will soon install the first Volume Computed Tomography (VCT) Scanner (64-slice) at the Delos Santos Medical Center.

The LightSpeed VCT has set the record for fastest imaging in the world. Its 0.35 second rotation and 40 millimeter coverage allows for true volumetric scanning of the heart in only five beats.

LightSpeed VCT is the only proven 64-channel detector in the world, and can cover the anatomy with the fastest speed while simultaneously providing the best resolution. It is considered a GE "Imagination Breakthrough" product—a major new invention with significant clinical and productivity value for clinicians and patients. LightSpeed VCT leverages GE's research and development investment in the areas CT scanning in a new, patented design.

Because of the LightSpeed VCT's advances in both high resolution and speed, the scanner was selected by Popular Science Magazine as "The Best of What's New in Technology for 2004." The magazine noted that LightSpeed VCT is 75 percent faster scanning than existing CTs.

Record-breaking speed

Due to its record-breaking coverage speed, the LightSpeed VCT has the capability to attain 43 millisecond temporal resolution, which means doctors can effectively freeze the motion of the heart, which may lead to a more accurate diagnosis and treatment of heart disease and other life-threatening illnesses.

In a single rotation, the system creates 64 submillimeter images, totaling 40 millimeter anatomical coverage, which are combined to form a three-dimensional view of the patient's anatomy for the physician to analyze.

LightSpeed VCT is able to non-invasively capture the heart in five beats, scan the whole body in 10 seconds—something no other CT system can offer. Because of these distinct capabilities, GE Healthcare and its clinical partners around the world have collaborated to identify advanced procedure possibilities.

5-beat cardiac

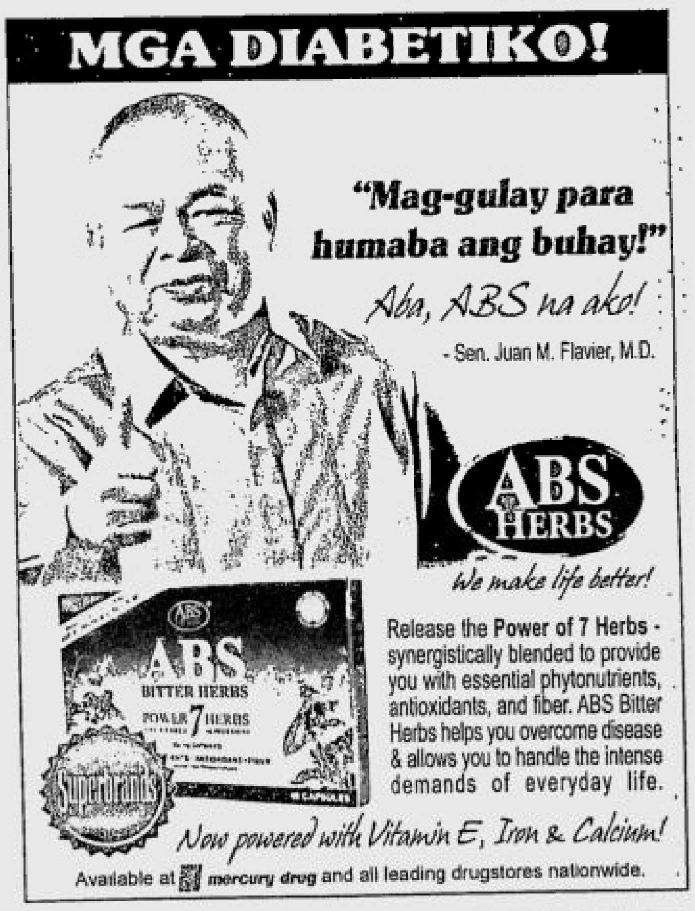
Heart Motion has historically made CT cardiovascular scans challenging and prone to motion artifacts.

Due to its speed, the LightSpeed VCT is enabling the physicians to secure extremely high-quality images of coronary arteries at submillimeter resolution in only five beats of the heart. This enables as fast and less invasive diagnostic evaluation of arterial stenosis.

Triple ruleout

Patients exhibiting acute chest pain in the emergency room will be able to be diagnostically scanned quickly and noninvasively, through the LightSpeed VCT. This is done for evidence of heart attack, pulmonary embolism or aortic dissection, the three most life-threatening causes of chest pain, all in one single scan.

A doctor's ability to identify the cause of acute chest pain and potentially eliminate unnecessary hospital stays and potentially missed diagnosis is invaluable.



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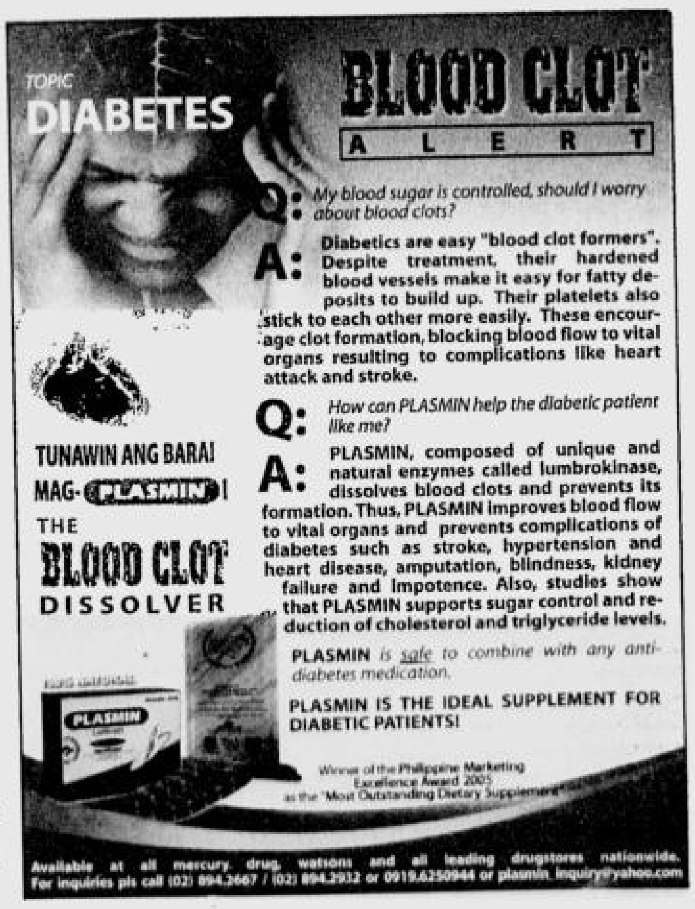

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(PDI - Aug. 6 & 13, 2005)

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Province: Palawan
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that DOROTHY RUTH B. GRASPARIL - LEONCIO has filed with this Office a petition for change of her first name from DOROTHY to DOROTHY RUTH in her Certificate of Live Birth. She was born on 13 September 1960 at FEU Hospital, Manila and her parents are DANTE E. GRASPARIL and HEDELIZA M. BACONGALLO.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written oppossition with this Office not later than 2 August 2005.

(Sgd.) **SALVE CORAZON T. VILLARUEL**
Municipal Civil Registrar

(PDI - July 30 & Aug. 6, 2005)

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In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that PERLAMINDA L. RAMIRO has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from PURIFICACION to PERLAMINDA in the Certificate of Live Birth of PURIFICACION DE LEON who was born on September 10, 1939 in MANILA and whose parents are ROMAN DE LEON and DOMINGA ANCIANO.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition within this office not later than August 8, 2005.

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Job Description

SUMMARY:
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- Manage customer service questions and problems efficiently and satisfactorily for the customer, escalating unresolved problems.
- Maintain high levels of customer service quality as measured by initial response time, timely resolution of all open inquiries, accurate tracking of inquiries and resolution.
- This will be a 24/7 call center so various shifts are available.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Excellent problem solving skills, organizational skills, and ability to work well under own initiative
- Attention to detail
- Ability to multi-task, prioritize and adapt in a fast-paced environment
- Strong positive work ethic, excellent people skills, motivated, customer focused and committed to excellent service
- Proven telephone, computer, email and people skills
- Strong team working abilities
- Diplomatic and experience working directly with clients
- Strong oral & written communication skills
- Strong listening skills
- Must be able to speak, read and write English and one of the following languages: Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean or Japanese.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:
- Vocational or College Degree preferred or equivalent experience
- 1-3 years customer service experience
- Call Center experience preferred

COMPUTER/TECHNICAL SKILLS:
- Solid computer skills including MS Office (Word and Excel)
- Experience with databases a plus
- Experience with call center software and phone systems a plus

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NOTICE OF SEARCH AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of the Kalinga-Apayao State College formally and publicly announces that the

Search for Presidency

of the KALINGA-APAYAO STATE COLLEGE (KASC) is now open. Interested applicants and/or nominees are invited to send their formal applications to the Search Committee chaired by Dr. Kate C. Botengan.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
- Must be a Filipino citizen
- MA, MS, Preferably a holder of a doctoral degree
- Preferably 35 to 60 years old but not more than 65 at the time of application
- Must be morally upright
- With Recognized leadership in his/her profession in the academe or industry
- With at least five (5) years of managerial/administrative experience

In addition to the above-mentioned qualifications, the applicants should make full disclosure of all administrative, criminal, and/or civil cases filed in any court in the Philippines and are required to submit the following clearances:
- National Bureau of Investigation
- Regional Trial Court Clearance where applicant's domicile is located
- Sandiganbayan
- Civil Service Commission and/or Certificate of No Pending Administrative Case issued by the Administrative Officer of present employer
- Previous Employer

Formal application addressed to the Search Committee should be accompanied with:
- Detailed curriculum vitaé and certified supporting documents (Subscribed by a Notary Public)
- Proposed Vision, Mission and Thrusts of the State College
- Results of neuro-psychiatric examination conducted by any government psychiatrist or any accredited health institution sealed and mailed separately by the examining psychiatrist to the SCP
- Medical Certificate from a government physician
- Drug Test Result

Interested applicants and/or those nominated for the position are requested to submit six (6) sets of their formal application and certified supporting documents on or before 30 September 2005 to:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE DR. LEONARDO STA. CRUZ WHO DIED INTESTATE ON AUGUST 24, 1985 AT EAST AVENUE, QUEZON CITY, HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDICIALLY SETTLED BY AND AMONG HIS HEIRS AS PER DOC. NO. 381, PAGE 77, BOOK NO. XIX, SERIES OF 2005 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC DOMINGO LOSA, NOTARY PUBLIC FOR PARAÑAQUE CITY, PHILIPPINES. (PDI-AUG. 6, 13, & 20, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given thatr the estate of the late ELISA G. TORRES has been extrajudicially settled by and among her heirs as per Doc. No. 8¾,13,20271, Page 55, Book VIII, Series of 2005 of Notary Public Porfirio T. Castillo Jr. province of Rizal. (PDI-Aug. 6, 13 & 20, 2005)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late LEONCIO SUMBILLO PUNZALAN was extrajudicially settled with waiver of share among his heirs as per Doc. No. 207, Page No. 42, Book No. IV, Series of 2005 of Notary Public Atty. Jose P. Perlas of Manila. (PDI-July 23, 30 & August 6, 2005)

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PRESENTED BY:

MR. ZANE DAWOOD
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TIME : 09H00 —— 12H00
DATE : Wednesday, 10 August 2005
VENUE : Makati Shangri-La Hotel
(function room to be announced at Hotel lobby)

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INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SURPLUS BUNKER-C AND OTHER JUNK ITEMS

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DATE OF BIDDING : August 23, 2005, 2:00 p.m., Solarium Hall, Bldg.-1 Grd. Floor, NPC-HO, Agham Road corner Quezon Ave., Diliman, Q.C.

The National Power Corporation will conduct public bidding of the following scrap and junk items located at various NPC stations.

SCHEDULE - I

	Item Description and Location	Minimum Bid Price
1.	Surplus Bunker-C (dead stock volume) located at Manila Thermal Power Plant Tank Nos. 2, 3 and 4. The sale includes the clean up to Tank Nos. 2, 3 and 4 to make the tanks suitable for "black product".	P 2,941,000.00/lot
2.	Contaminated Surplus Diesel and Bunker-C sludge oil at Aplaya DPP Tank Nos. HFO-1, 2, 3, and LFO Jasaan, Misamis Oriental. The sale includes the clean up of tanks to make the tanks suitable for "black product". Note: Participating bidders must be DENR accredited waste oil Processors/Treaters	P 4,765,801.65/lot

SCHEDULE - II

1	One (1) lot of junk station batteries, Al-Cd and Ni-Cd, 157 pcs. located at Pantabangan Hydro-Electric Power Plant.	P 15,700.00/lot
2.	One (1) lot turbine oil and transformer oil (9 drums and 17 drums respectively) located at Pantabangan Hydro-Electric Power Plant, Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija Note: Participating Bidders must be DENR accredited waste Oil transporter and treater for oils and industrial batteries.	P 37,500.00/lot

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING:
1. PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S/ CASHIER'S CHECK EQUIVALENT TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL BID PRICE OFFER.
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN (2004 ORIGINAL OR XEROX COPY) OF THE BIDDER
3. TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (VALID UP TO THE DATE OF BIDDING)

INTERESTED PARTY WHO WISH TO SECURE BID FORM MUST PRESENT VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD LIKE DRIVER'S LICENSE, GSIS ID, SSS ID, POSTAL ID, PASSPORT, PRC ID AND COMPANY ID.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the public bidding may secure the bid form at P500.00/set from Mr. Alfonso D. Alday, Manager, Warehousing, Inventory, Traffic and Asset Disposal Division (WITADD) at Bldg. 1, Ground Floor, NPC Head Office, Corner Agham Road and Quezon Ave., Diliman, Q.C. or call telephone no. 922-8431. Deadline for issuance of bid form is 4:30 p.m. August 22, 2005.

For the Materials Management Department

(Sgd.) FELIX B. TACATA, JR.
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(PDI - August 4, 5 & 6, 2005)

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The following will be notified by mail as regards their prizes:

SEQ #	SS NUMBER	MEMBER'S NAME	ADDRESS
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5	06-0366102-4	EMMA B. SANTIAGO	872 PURAVILLE SUBD., BRGY. BAGONG BUHAY, ORMOC CITY
6	03-8605568-5	ERNESTO F. ANDANAR	95 FRANCISCO ST., BRGY. 75, ZONE 7, KALOOKAN CITY
7	33-3002504-0	ELIZER KAMATOY OLIVEROS	328 SAN VICENTE, BINAN, LAGUNA
8	04-0305790-6	CELSO C. ALVERO	026 4TH ST., MEDEX SUBD., SAN PABLO CITY
9	03-5869356-7	EDITA O. CAMARCE	MALAGASANG 2ND, IMUS, CAVITE
10	03-0906172-4	BENJAMIN T. ANTONEL	727 P GOMEZ ST., HAGDAN BATO ITAAS, MANDALUYONG CITY
11	03-3813376-2	JULIUS R. ANTIADO	154 LAVEZARES ST., BINONDO, MANILA
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14	03-6709770-1	BENJAMIN I. AGONCILLO JR.	15-B GUIHO ST., PROJECT 3, QUEZON CITY
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17	03-8712550-1	ANTONIO T. RIVERA	26 L20 B45 PH2 C3, KALAWAKAN RD., KARANGALAN VILL., MANGGAHAN, PASIG
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86	07-1179415-5	HELEN SUMAEL ELTANAL	MARTIREZ EXT., POBLACION, STA. CATALINA, NEGROS ORIENTAL
87	03-8311061-7	GENOVEVA BASILIO MERCADO	694 DON E. LOPEZ ST., MERALCO VILLAGE, BINANGONAN, RIZAL
88	03-3334539-3	AUGUSTO V. SANCHEZ	12 BARASOAN ST., LITTLE BAGUIO, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA
89	07-0292957-3	GENEROSO TABLIGAN TANATE	STO. CANTONOG, LINAO, KABANKALAN, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
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91	02-1562625-3	ARMANDO PINGUL ORDONEZ	068 ZONE 1, SAN ISIDRO, STA. RITA, PAMPANGA
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98	08-0949981-2	OWEN A. MERCADO	0056 GAGARA RD., MCS, BRGY. SAN MIGUEL, ILIGAN CITY
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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Republic of the Philippines

Height Extension/Improvement of Daraga Substation, District III, PSMD South Perimeter Fence (Phase II)

Brief Description:
The existing perimeter fence of Daraga Substation compound is proposed for improvement to increase its height for security purposes.

[TRANS-05-HEPF-EG-06]

The ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION-SLOM***, through the *Internal Cash Generation (ICG)* intends to apply the sum of *One Million Four Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Nine & 62/100 (Php1,474,989.62)* being the Approved Budget for Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the *Height Extension/ Improvement of Daraga Substation, District III, PSMD South Perimeter Fence (Phase II)*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION-SLOM*** now invites potential Bidders to submit Letter of Intent (LOI) and apply for eligibility for *the Height Extension/Improvement of Daraga Substation, District III & PSMD South Perimeter Fence (Phase II)*. Bidders should possess a valid ***PCAB license*** with ***License Particular of at least: "Category D & C, General Building"*** and ***Registration Particular of at least: "Small B, Building & Industrial Plant"***, respectively, have completed a similar contract involving construction of structures involving concrete and/or steel. The value of which should be at least 50% of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the eligibility documents. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The last day for submission of eligibility documents shall be on the same date of the opening of Eligibility documents: ***September 01, 2005, 9:00 A.M.*** at the address mentioned in the next succeeding paragraphs. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Document. Completion of the works is required by ***75 calendar days.***

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR Part A of R.A 9184, only bids from Bidders who passed the eligibility check will be opened. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders shall secure the Eligibility documents from the BAC Secretariat at the address stated below, starting ***August 09-26, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.*** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Php1,000.00***. They shall submit their accomplished Eligibility documents on or before ***September 01, 2005, 9:00 A.M.*** at the stated address. Eligibility Screening shall be held on ***September 01, 2005, 9:30 A. M.*** at the OAVP Conference Room B of the stated address.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION-SLOM Regional Contracts Management Office (RCMO)*** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from ***8:00 A.M.*** to ***5:00 P.M.*** on ***September 21-23, 2005.***

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee ***Php2,000.00***. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative starting ***September 21-23, 2005, 8:00 A.M.- 5:00 P. M.***

The ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION-SLOM*** will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on ***September 30, 2005, 9:00 A.M.*** at the OAVP Conference Room Transco, SLOM San Vicente Biñan, Laguna.

Deadline for submission of bids is on ***October 12, 2005, 9:00 A. M.*** at the address below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in any of the prescribed form indicated under Section 27.2 of R. A. 9184. Bid opening shall be on the same date, ***October 12, 2005, 9:30 A.M.*** at the ***OAVP Conference Room B of Transco SLOM.*** Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

The ***NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION-SLOM*** reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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Dept. Manager, District 1/
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(PDI–August 6, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Education, Division Offices, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contracts :

DIV/ADDRESS	CAMARINES SUR Freedom Sports Complex, San Jose, Pili, Cam Sur	QUEZON Tallpan, Pagbilao, Quezon		NUEVA VIZCAYA Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya		BULACAN Malolos, Bulacan	BAGUIO CITY		ILOCOS SUR Vigan, Ilocos Sur	ILOCOS NORTE Laoag City	ORIENTAL MINDORO Calapan City, Or. Mindoro	AURORA Baler, Aurora
		Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 1	Cluster 2		Cluster 1	Cluster 2				
Name of Contract	Replacement of 1 CL building Pinaglabanan HS, Repair and Rehab. Bagacay ES	New Construction 2-CL San Marcelino ES. Repair and Rehab of School Buildings Lolo ES, Sablang ES, Magsakap ES, PSON Umiray Extension, Magsakap ES, PSON (Maligaya Extension)	New Construction of 1-CL Ungos NHS, Repair and Rehab of School Buildings Gumhalman ES, Abiawin ES, Tanauan ES, Little Baguio ES	Repair and Rehab of School Buildings Amaguer North ES, Amaguer South ES, Bambang West CS Lamo ES, Dupax del Norte CS, Macabenga ES, New Construction Logpond Sabungan PS	Repair, and Rehab of School Bldgs Pagonsiona ES, Darubba ES, Quezon ES, Bascaran ES, Nalubugan ES, Aggub ES & Nagsabaran ES	Repair and Rehab of School Bldgs Camias ES, Bulualto ES, Sta Lucia ES, Bantog ES	Repair and Rip-rapping of Perimeter Fence Pines City NHS - Magsaysay Annex	Repair of School Buildings Quirino Hill ES	Repair and Rehab of School Bldgs Sivod Community School, Leongan ES	Repair and Rehab of School Bldgs Abien ES Saon ES	Repair and Rehab of School Buildings Masaguisi NHS, San Mariano NHS, Kalngasan NHS	Repair and Rip-rapping of Perimeter Fence Paltic ES Abungan Primary School
Location	Goa, Tinambac SD	Gen. Nakar	San Narciso, Infanta and Real	Bambang, Dupax del Norte & Kasibu	Bagabag, Quezon, Solano & Diadi	San Miguel	Baguio City	Baguio City	Sta. Domingo	Burgos	Bongabong and Roxas	Dingalan
Approved Budget for the Contract	P 627,250.00	P 3,137,293.32	P 1,406,100.00	P 1,576,048.24	P 1,379,675.47	P 905,316.72	P 269,500.00	P 289,500.00	P 488,020.91	P 661,672.53	P 570,000.00	P 437,750.00
Contract Duration	60 cal days	75 cal.days	75 cal days	75 cal days	75 cal.days	45 cal days	30 cal days	30 cal days	60 cal.days	60 cal days	60 cal days	30 cal.days

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment (Listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the execution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check / Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to the Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Pre-bid Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The schedule of the BAC activities is as follows:

BAC ACTIVITIES	CAMARINES SUR Freedom Sports Complex, San Jose, Pili, Cam Sur	QUEZON Tallpan, Pagbilao, Quezon		NUEVA VIZCAYA Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya		BULACAN Malolos, Bulacan	BAGUIO CITY		ILOCOS SUR Vigan, Ilocos Sur	ILOCOS NORTE Laoag City	ORIENTAL MINDORO Calapan City, Or. Mindoro	AURORA Baler, Aurora
		Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 1	Cluster 2		Cluster 1	Cluster 2				
Issuance of Eligibility Forms	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1 12 2005	August 1-12,2005	August 1-12,2005
Deadline for Receipt of Eligibility Reqmts	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005	August 15, 2005
Notice of Results of Eligibility Check	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005
Issuance of Bid Documents	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005	August 24-30, 2005
Pre-bid Conference	September 6, 2005, 2:00 PM	September 8, 2005, 10:00 AM	September 8, 2005, 10:00 AM	September 5, 2005, 10:00 AM	September 5, 2005, 10:00 AM	September 7, 2005, 2:00 PM	September 9, 2005, 2:00 PM	September 9, 2005, 2:00 PM	September 7, 2005, 10:00 AM PM	September 5, 2005, 2:00 PM	September 12, 2005, 10:00 AM	September 12, 2005, 10:00 AM
Receipt and Opening of Bids	September 20, 2005, 2:00 PM	September 22, 2005, 10:00 Am	September 22, 2005, 10:00 Am	September 19, 2005, 10:00 AM	September 19, 2005, 10:00 AM	September 21, 2005, 10:00 Am	September 23, 2005, 2:00 PM	September 23, 2005, 2:00 PM	September 21, 2005, 10:00 Am	September 16, 2005, 10:00 AM	September 26 2005 10:00 Am	September 26 2005, 10:00 AM

The BAC will issue to prospective bidders Eligibility Forms at the respective Division Offices, upon their submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI). Prospective bidders shall submit their Eligibility Requirements to the Division BAC at the said address. they may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the same address.

The BAC will Issue Bid Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P2,000.00 for the Bidding Documents to the Division Office's Cashier.

The Division Office assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for the expenses incurred in the preparation of bids.

The DepED BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to the affected parties.

Approved by (Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
BAC Chairman

(PDI–July 30 & Aug. 6, 2005)

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of our Dearly Beloved

OFELA TOMACRUZ CARLOS

of Hagonoy, Bulacan

BORN : August 24, 1927
DIED : August 3, 2005

Her children:

ANNE MARIE
ROSEMARIE
TOINETTE
TITA (†)
SUSAN
CHONA
MARILOU
RITA
ATO
DIVINA
CLARA
PETER
& TONY

Her brother : **Dr. JESUS C. TOMACRUZ**
Her sister : **PRISCA T. CORTEZ**

Her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati (3/F PREMIERE II). Interment will be on SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2005 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.

Clara S. Flores

(August 17, 1913 - August 3, 2005)

Widow of the late

Col. Miguel S. Flores, M.D.

Nanay peacefully rested in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the 3rd day of August 2005, at the age of 91.

Her children **Adeline** and **Philip Rey Hipolito** (†) and **Irvin Kramer** (†); **Lourdes** and **Delfin Cuizon** (†); **Angelica** and **Reynaldo Alcarez**; **Litta** and **Leo Villanueva**; and **Yollee Flores**; sister-in-law, **Demetria S. Flores**; cousins, **Virginia R. Moreno** and **Jose R. Moreno, Jr.**; grandchildren and great grandchildren request for prayers for her eternal happiness.

Prayer services will be held at the West Chapel of the St. Jerome Parish, Commerce Avenue, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City from Friday, August 5th to Saturday, August 6th. A memorial service wil be held at the St. James the Great Parish in Ayala Alabang Village on Sunday, August 7th at 9:30 a.m. where her cremated remains will be laid to rest.

HERMINIA DABU SORIANO

April 25, 1918 - August 3, 2005

Found comfort in the embrace of our Lord in eternal union with her beloved husband ***Jack L. Soriano*** *and son* ***Valiant****.*

Her bereaved children and their spouses: **Douglas** and **Maureen**, **Winston** and **Susan**, **Lex** and **Helen**, **Wilhelm** and **Lea**, **Czarina** and **Ricardo Ong**, **Liberty** and **Anlex Basilio**, **Jackson** and **Marilen**, **Gallant** and **Nennette**; grandchildren, great grandchildren and relatives request the pious readers to spend a few moments in silent prayer that her soul find eternal peace in the House of the Lord.

Her body lies in state at the Soriano family residence at 19 Perez Boulevard, San Carlos City, Pangasinan.

Interment will be at the Soriano Mausoleum, San Carlos City Cemetery on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass at the St. Dominic Church, San Carlos City, Pangasinan.

Alberto Magat Tamayo

who passed away on August 02, 2005 at the age of 61.

wishes to inform relatives and friends that his body lies in state at the Dulce Memorial Chapels, Jasper Chapel (2nd Floor)
2926 Jose Abad Santos Ave.
cor. Dinalupihan St., Manuguit, Manila.

His bereaved wife Pacita and children Arlene, Maureen and Myra request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on August 07, 2005 at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Quirino Hi-way, Quezon City at 9:00 AM

DEATH NOTICE

JOSE MAZO

Peacefully joined our Creator on August 2, 2005

His remains lie at his residence in Alad, Romblon. Interment will be today, August 6, 2005 at Romblon Catholic Cemetery, Romblon, Romblon.

I am home in heaven
There is perfect joy
All the pain and grief is over
I am now at peace forever
Safely home in heaven

OUR DEARLY BELOVED MOTHER

EDNA M. OLAZO

Peacefully joined our Lord on July 27, 2005.

Bereaved family members:

Daughters
Tisha
Lulu
Nancy

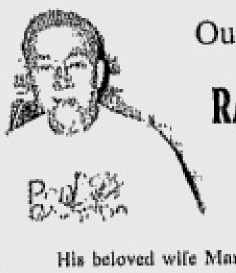
Sons-in-law
David
Gebhard

Sons
Joel
June

Daughters-in-law
Irene
Leah

Grandchildren
TJ
Jillian
Inessa
Sasha
Teddy
Momo
JJ
EJ
Nico
Natasha
Sebastian
Samantha
Jazzie
Aaron
Amiel
Andrea

Her body lies in state at La Funeraria Paz Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque City. Interment is today, Saturday, 06 August 2005 at 4 p.m.



Our Dearly Beloved

RAMON S. DELA CRUZ

Peacefully joined his Creator on the 2nd of August, 2005 at the age of 74.

His beloved wife Maria; children Rosario and Diosdado, Rowena; grandchild Joseph Nathaniel and other relatives request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, 7th of August, 2005 at Eternal Gardens, Baesa, Quezon City after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.

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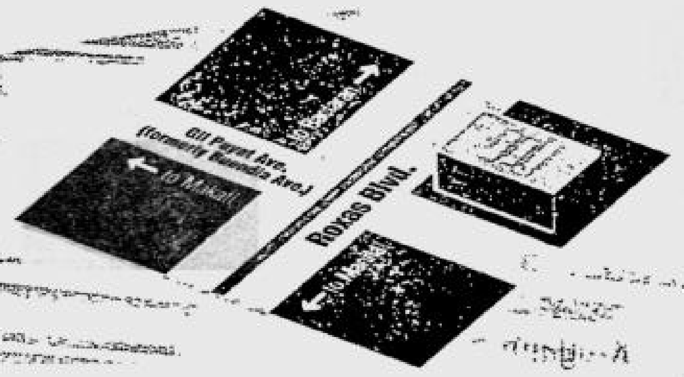

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A Refreshing Living Concept at Serendra

Spruced-up edifice changing urban landscape

By Tessa R. Salazar

PASEO Center

THE DEVELOPMENT of a 70-story building had to be deferred five years ago with the economic crisis looming. But what started out as a seemingly insignificant modification is starting to change the Makati Central Business District.

One of the oldest buildings in Makati CBD—the former six-story IBM headquarters on Paseo de Roxas—is changing the urban landscape with its transformation into a mixed-use multistory commercial and office development.

Commercial tenants

Paseo Center, at the corner of Sedeno and Valero Streets in Salcedo Village, houses 22 commercial tenants in the first three floors, among them 15 retailers. Shops offering good food—from coffee to Chinese cuisine—are in abundance.

The upper three floors are allocated for office tenants.

Formally opened in 2003 and patterned after Singapore's popular central shopping area Orchard Road that features "everything-under-one-roof" concept malls, office workers who occupy Paseo Center need not commute and walk far to have a taste of an eclectic mix of great food and respite from daily stress.

This former IBM headquarters building was acquired by Megaworld Corp.

The new IBM headquarters is located in Megaworld's Eastwood City.

"People working at the Paseo Center find it a novelty because they would no longer need to leave the building. There's a one-stop shop for almost anything—from office (supplies) to food for the physique and food for the soul. (There are even) painting exhibits. It is a complete mix of tenants," said Eric Soriano, country president and CEO of ERA Philippines.

Office, commerce mix

ERA Philippines, the parent company of whom is based in Singapore, is the outsourced retail consultant of Megaworld.

Soriano said Paseo Center has made other building owners in the Makati CBD rethink the office-commerce mix. Evidences of these are commercial developments mushrooming in the ground floors of other office buildings.

"If you notice, commercial and retail stores have mushroomed. Across the street, the Insular Life Building on Ayala has also been rehabilitated.

"The façade has been changed and the building organized with two levels of commercial spaces," he said.

He also cited the Paseo Parkview condo on Valero Street; the Chinabank building, which has a parking building on Villar Street in Salcedo Village with restaurants at its ground level; and the new People Support HQ on Ayala Avenue (in front of the Makati Medical Center) that houses coffee shops and fast-food chains.

Old buildings such as Bankmer and Bank of Commerce are also hosting restaurants on their ground floors.

'Gentrifying' Makati skyline

ERA Philippines believes that Paseo Center's contribution to "gentrifying" the Makati skyline with a wonderful mix of restaurants and neighborhood shops has made the area "alive and safe" with lights and people traffic even after office hours and weekends.

Proving human traffic worked in an office building setting, the McDonald's outlet in Paseo Center was adjudged No. 1 in terms of sales on a per square meter basis among all McDonald's outlets in the Philippines.

Furthermore, the fast-food outlet here is open 24 hours to answer the needs of call center agents working on graveyard shifts. Most other restaurants in the "reinvented" buildings now offer early breakfast menus because of the boom of call centers in the area.

The Paseo Center sits on over half a hectare of prime property. The gross floor area of Paseo Center is close to 10,000 square meters. About 3,000 sq m is devoted to an open area for parking for 100 vehicles.

Restrictions

Asked how Paseo Center was able to comply with the zoning restrictions, Soriano said this is due to the size of the property.

Based on ERA Global Research, Soriano said the Makati CBD is probably the only CBD in the world that puts restriction on the entry of commercial locators, thereby restraining the growth of community-based city centers.

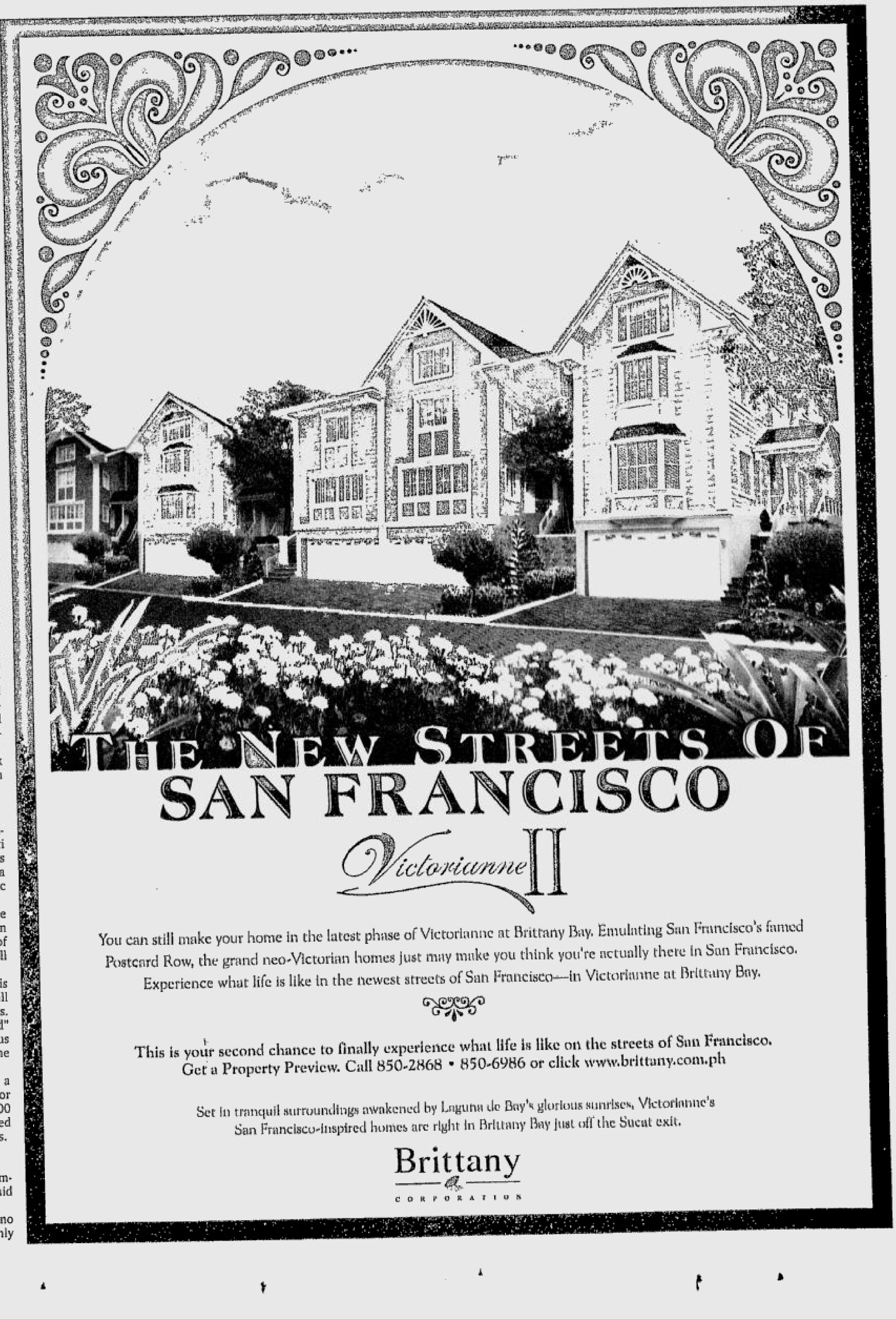
"For me, it should be encouraged out of convenience and seamless interaction between structures and users," he said.

ERA Real Estate country headquarters is housed at the Paseo Center penthouse with architectural firm Recio and Casas.

"We are changing the face of Makati CBD because of the entry of the commercial concept that has been inspired by our Asian neighbors," Soriano said.

The rehabilitation is also considered historical by ERA Philippines, since the makeover was done on one of the oldest structures in the Makati CBD area.

"We are happy we've inspired development in the area," he added.



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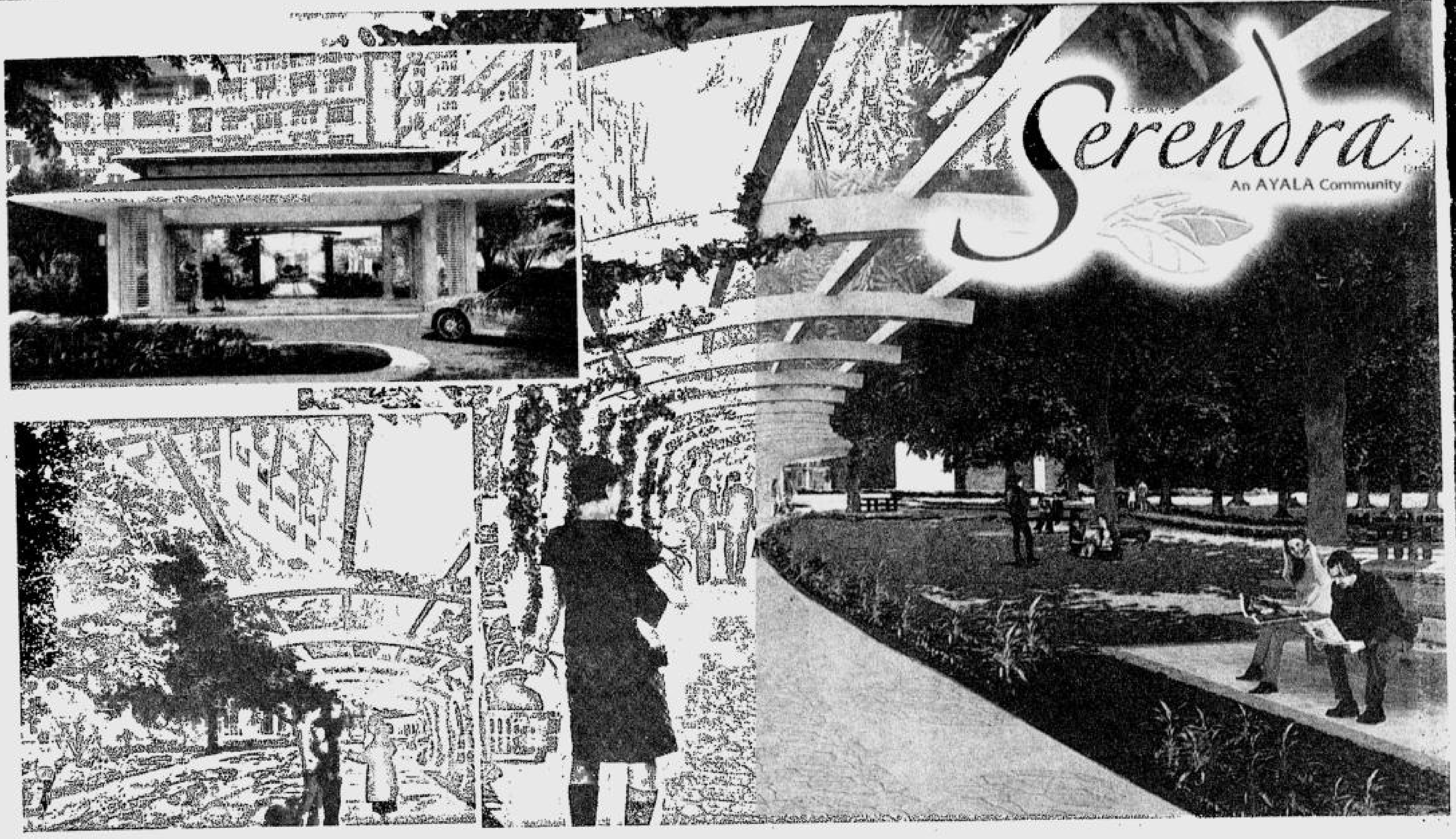

A refreshing living concept

WHETHER you're a single yuppie or already starting to raise a family, planting the seeds of your own independent life can be a thrilling experience, especially as you begin eyeing a place of your own. Choosing and eventually buying your own home is indeed a major decision, and you should always consider several factors before signing your name on the dotted line.

First and foremost among them, if you're considering a condominium unit, is whether your home will even be delivered at all, no matter how cheap or how expensive it is. The only way to be sure about this nowadays is to look for a developer with impeccable track record and strong corporate backing.

Time and time again, major condominium projects of weaker developers or of the co-development approach tend to succumb to unforeseen economic downturns, as construction and delivery of their projects are mostly contingent on sales velocity. For these types of developments, slow sales take-up often translates to massive construction delays, or worse, no construction at all.

Fortunately, leading property developers Ayala Land Inc (ALI) and Community Innovations Inc (CII) have come up with Serendra. With this project, you can do away with those worries. As a testament to the investors' and home buyers' trust and confidence in ALI and CII, 600 units in Serendra were already sold in its first year of offering alone. Young urban achievers, empty and full nesters, and investors have all taken a liking to what these topnotch developers had to offer in Serendra.

Furthermore, bear in mind that choosing the right condominium for you doesn't only depend on its appearance or location. "You also have to consider after-sales service, which is extremely important. Some condominium projects out there were launched without a developer. In these types of developments, buyers or owners have only themselves to deal directly with the contractors for any post-delivery concerns, and only if these are still within their warranty period," says Ayala Land Inc senior division manager Kate Ilagan.

At Serendra, unit owners enjoy complete peace of mind, knowing that their investment is backed by no less than Ayala Land, one of the country's soundest and most reputable companies with a legacy of expertise and quality. At Serendra, you're sure that your concerns will always be attended to promptly and satisfactorily.

While cost will always be a major factor in deciding which condominium is best for you, remember to always be keen on what you're paying for. Some condominium developments love to flaunt the idea that they offer buyers huge savings by offering ways to avert VAT, documentary stamps and transfer taxes at the onset. Ilagan says there's a catch to this. "The truth of the matter is that upon conversion from a stock certificate to a Condominium Certificate of Title (CCT), owners will still shoulder these costs should they choose to get the CCT."

These condominium developments have even gone to the length of negating the developer's roles by offering co-development schemes. They claim that investors are able to avoid having to cover a developer's profit because by buying, they become party with the developer. What this apparent savings mean is that certain crucial services are also foregone. The developer is there because it serves certain roles that provide cost efficiencies and, most importantly, peace of mind for the home buyer, who would rather not go through the headaches of what the developer usually handles with ease. This is the priceless benefit that Ayala Land's policy of service assures with Serendra.

"Serendra is a project of Ayala Land, a company renowned for its vast experience in the real estate and construction industries, so buyers really get the highest quality with the price they're paying," says Ilagan. She adds that since Serendra is by Ayala, owners are assured that their homes will be delivered regardless of unforeseen economic forces. Ilagan also stresses the fact that, "We employ a proven system of after-sales service. Our property management ensures investors that their home and investment will be professionally managed to stand the test of time."

Other developers also entice buyers with the promise that unit owners can move in on the same day of turnover because the units are already fully fitted and fully furnished. However, be wary before you actually make a dash for those real-estate offerings. Bear in mind this major caveat: there may be no explicit guarantees on the brand, quality, and condition of the pieces of furniture and appliances to be turned over.

"Granting that these items are turned over to you in the best condition possible, are you sure these are the items you want, anyway? Because if not, these will be such a waste, or at the very least, a nuisance. You would either have to live with it in bad taste or sell it at an undesired price," explains Ilagan. Most importantly, you have no guarantee on the quality of the unit finishes. At Serendra, each unit has to pass through three layers of inspection before the unit is turned over to the buyer, ensuring that only the best unit is given.

Finally, are you sure you have thoroughly examined what the condominium can offer you or your family? While some other condominium developments offer only the basic amenities, Serendra boasts of features that make for suburban living without compromising the convenience of being right at the heart of Fort Bonifacio Global City. It has expansive landscaping, themed gardens, water elements, play areas, activity nodes, function rooms, swimming pools, a library, fitness center, basketball and badminton courts, game rooms and clubhouses, among others.

Look no further when it comes to condominiums. With Serendra, you enjoy the perfect balance of safety, value for money, modern day comforts and conveniences with nature's timeless grace. With the business district, premier educational institutions and regional shopping venues just a few minutes away, Serendra is surely a place where you and your family can live, work, play, learn, and love.

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The Serendra Gardens have something for everyone

WHEN was the last time you sailed a paper boat with your child? Do you even remember how to make one? One of the main features in the gardens of Serendra is a slow moving pond that runs alongside the jogging path, which traces the length of the development.

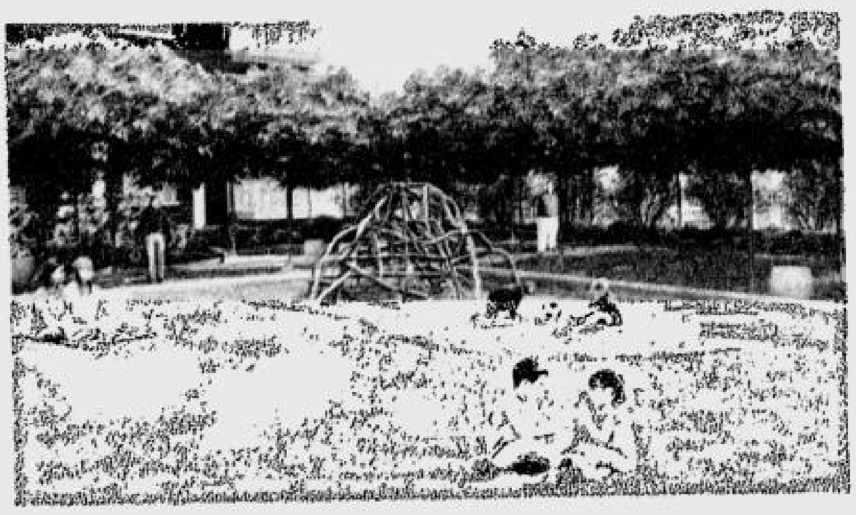
"Here, children can play with their paper boats the way their parents used to when they were kids," says engineer Cristy C. Comia, head of the Landscaping Unit of ALI. The gardens of Serendra are not only to be seen but to be experienced and enjoyed - it's like living in a park.

"It concretizes Serendra's concept of suburban living in the city," remarked Kate Ilagan, senior division manager for Ayala Land. Approximately 65 percent of Serendra's 12-hectare development is dedicated to open spaces and greenery. The landscaping master plan was designed by Mia Lehrer and developed in detail by Ponce Veridiano and Jomar Borja of Tropic Asia, who were also involved in the development of Greenbelt in Makati.

The selection of plants were based on the myriad of themes that characterize the gardens in the various sections of Serendra - examples of these include different varieties of heliconia, true bird of paradise, and ginger plant for the Tropical Garden; and shrubs, such as sampaguita, rosal, and kamuning for the Scented Garden.

In addition, certain sections were themed according to the dominant color of the flowers and leaves, such as the pink calachuchi, red acalypha, red carebian, and pink tabebuia for the Pink Garden; yellow calachuchi, variegated spider lily, variegated costus, yellow crinum, and yellow iris for the Yellow Garden; and Dona Aurora, silver pandakaki, kamuning, and rosal for the White Garden.

There is an inherent and undeniable spirit that makes living in Serendra upbeat and unique. You can make plans to meet a friend in one of these gardens and say, "Let's meet at the Oriental Garden," for example. Leisurely walks might take the whole morning, filled with little surprises as you turn a corner to discover the Herb Garden where you can pick some leaves for your rice or tea. Truly, the gardens provide endless delight for nature lovers.



"We also created personal gardens in all the ground floor units," Comia remarked. "Unit owners now have their own private venue to relax and seek respite or maybe entertain guests." This is enclosed by a low wall where lush landscaping beyond serves as an extension of the private garden and a simultaneous boundary separating the unit from the public gardens.

"And even if your unit is in the upper floors, you can step out onto your balcony and still enjoy the gardens," Ilagan added. It's like living in your own house, away from the city with your own nature haven. "But the amount of garden that we are providing at Serendra will surpass any garden that you could ever have in a house and lot," Ilagan explained. "Here, you can go around the development and enjoy hectares of diverse garden types."

At Serendra, your recreational activities need not be confined to watching TV or playing computer games. There are lots of opportunities for outdoor recreation and a healthier lifestyle. Plans include an Orchidarium, as well as orchards with fruit bearing trees, such as kalamansi, where parents can provide their children with the kind of childhood experience that they had - growing up in the suburbs or in the province where they used to climb trees and pick fruits. There are jogging paths, a Sunken Garden where you can practice tai chi and yoga, and a swimming pool at the clubhouse that give you the feeling of being in a resort surrounded by gardens. In addition, there will be a children's playground with various equipment such as see-saws and swings wherein children can interact with other kids outside of a school setting.

At the center of Serendra is The Piazza, which is highlighted by a Zen Garden with a big dita tree that reaches three stories high. Surrounded by a reflecting pond, you will never lose sight of the tree's huge trunk while driving around the basement parking, since its foliage stretches all the way up to the second floor level of the commercial building. There will be an enormous fountain on the ground level with benches around it that will serve as a meeting place for people in the retail area. Truly, parking has never been this engaging!

Finally, Serendra boasts an environment that has paid attention to every little detail to secure the nature-filled standard of living that modern residents demand. As Comia remarked, "We will not just plant the trees and forget about them. We have horticulturists in our unit who will train people to maintain the gardens. We will have programs that will provide manuals to act as a guide as to when to trim the plants or when to apply fertilizer." Certainly, this will do well to keep the row of mahogany trees fronting 11th Avenue full and rich.

In the end, whether one decides to consider the covered walkways or the Central Garden his or her favorite spot, Serendra has created a habitat where both nature lovers and fun-loving spirits can roam free and enjoy life. Seeking an escape from the urban jungle without traveling through hours of grueling traffic? We have it here. Put simply, Serendra is where you can touch the plants and stop to smell the flowers. You are in your garden, in a place you call home: Serendra.

Step out of your door into a garden of international delights at The Piazza at Serendra

THE PIAZZA at Serendra — a commercial promenade that will feature a fusion of cultures highlighting food, specialty retail and service establishments in a two-level indoor-outdoor environment sculpted around a landscaped plaza. Approximately 85 select shops range from French bistros to Indian specialty stores, Filipino galleries to craft schools and pampering services. According to Francis Roxas, senior division manager of the Commercial Centers Group in ALI, "These stores are ideally owner-operated, meaning [there will be] no franchises." This will be the unique and exclusive proposition of Serendra to its discriminating homeowners, who are also world-savvy shoppers and food aficionados.

About a hectare of floor space will be transformed into three regions that smoothly segue into each theme, truly encompassing the global scene. The Piazza at Serendra is a charming blend of diverse tastes: Little Intramuros will be devoted to all things Spanish and Filipino; Little Asia will carry the best of everything Oriental; while Little Europe will house a select medley of quaint continental shops.

At The Piazza at Serendra, food, shopping and nightlife devotees, composed of residents and office workers within Bonifacio Global City and the Makati Central Business District, will partake of a choice variety of international cuisine, specialty products and world-class services from a plethora of stores in a verdant setting. Amid tree-lined walkways, wading pools, sprawling gardens, water features and residential units, the Piazza at Serendra will be the epitome of global cool.

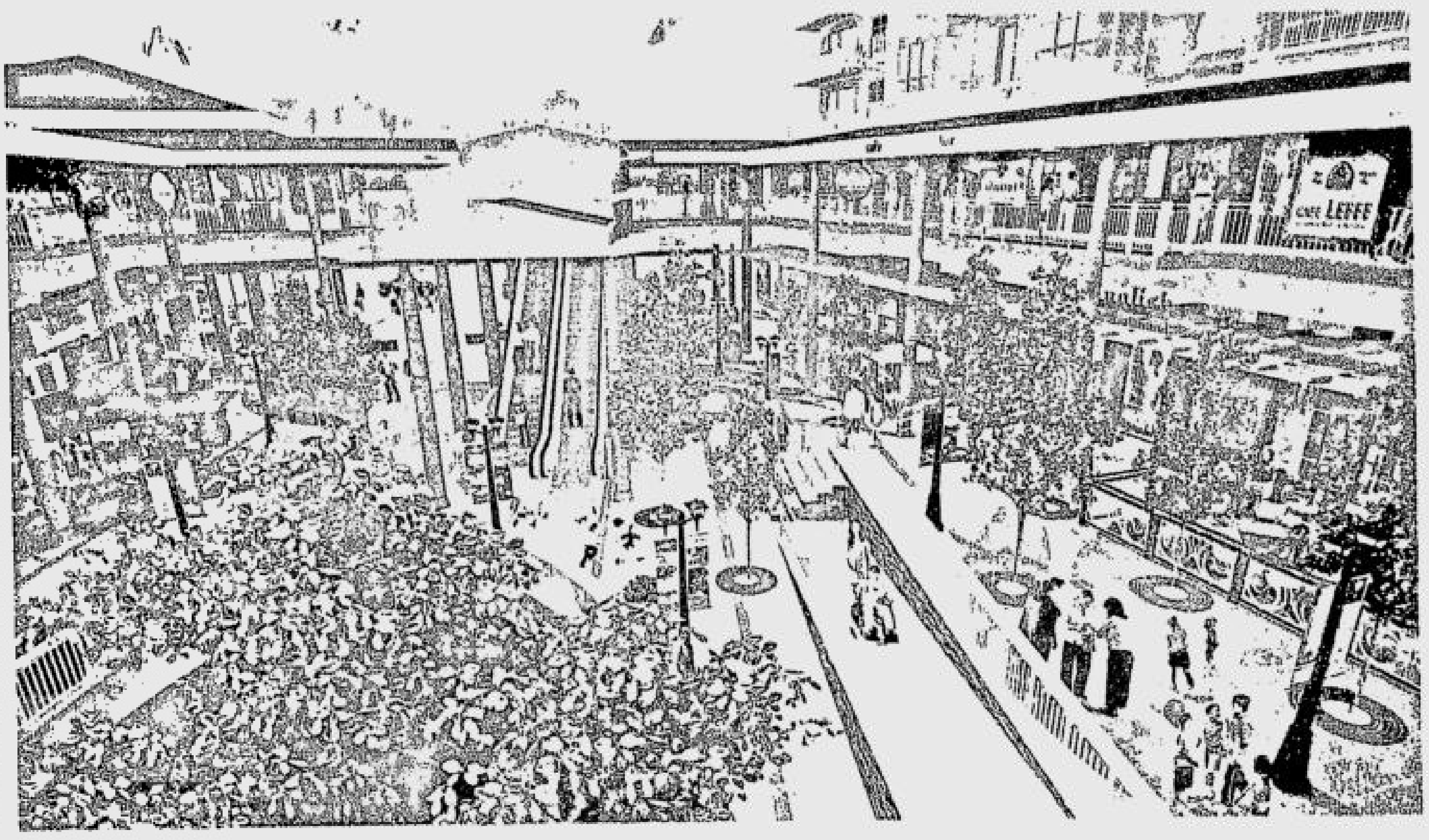
"The Piazza at Serendra primarily will serve the needs of residents who want to have variety and engage in activities close to home," says Roxas. "However, it will also be open to the public, to whom it will provide unique and authentic food and retail establishments."

The ground level will feature a wide range of international cuisines, old-world specialty shops for music, health, beauty, and literature. The second floor shops will carry arts and crafts, antiques, Soho-type furniture shops and home accessories, pampering services and schools.

With an international esplanade for its theme, The Piazza at Serendra will give the public a taste of the multicultural lifestyle, all where the vicarious traveler will still feel at home. Feeding both body and soul, The Piazza at Serendra will fill a carefully curated plate of intercontinental sensory experiences, with perhaps your next-door neighbor personally overseeing its operations. "It will be the only combination of stores of its kind," assures Roxas.

The Piazza at Serendra is set to open its doors to the public in the third quarter of 2006.

For more information on Serendra, call 888-0000, e-mail serendra@ayalaland.com.ph, or log on to www.serendra.com. Model units are also available for viewing daily at the Serendra Pavilion, 26th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.



Building the vision of The Piazza at Serendra

THE PIAZZA at Serendra will be an urban entertainment haven infused with international flavors, combining a European-inspired masterplan with distinctly Filipino architecture. Surrounded by a series of low-rise condominium buildings and lush greenery, it will house a multitude of food, retail and specialty service shops from all over the world, from French pastries and Belgian chocolates to Indian linen and Moroccan home accents.

According to architect Ted Narciso of GF and Partners, one of the principal architects developing Serendra, the area surrounding The Piazza at Serendra is characterized by "wide roof overhangs, the introduction of louvers and balconies to function as sun shades and protection from the rain." He adds that the design, finishes and construction all meet international standards, "with world-class facilities and amenities that can cater to a wide range of high-end multicultural expectations." All these will contribute to the cosmopolitan and sophisticated lifestyle the commercial hub is envisioned to create not just among its residents but also for their friends and family members.

Meanwhile, the individual merchants themselves, based on the central theme of "international esplanade," shall design each of The Piazza's storefronts. Depending on the merchandise sold, shop design will follow one of three themes: Spanish-Filipino, Oriental, or Continental. For all 85 shops, uniqueness and authenticity shall prevail.

"The Piazza at Serendra is a 6,000 square meter commercial area with a landscaped promenade," says Narciso. "Here, people can enjoy the serenity brought about by Serendra's surrounding landscape, found all throughout the development. This creates a feeling of independence and amplitude, a departure from the common concrete cityscape."

The landscaping was designed to entice residents to take leisurely walks, jog on the walkways, or for families to enjoy playing games or have picnics in the various open areas. However, The Piazza at Serendra will also be open to all food and nightlife aficionados, as well as shoppers of specialty furniture and crafts.

"It was purposely designed to cater to a trendy clientele or urbanites who are particular about exclusivity and convenience," explains Narciso. "The Piazza at Serendra, offers residents an escape from the busy city life without necessarily requiring them to leave their homes or forgoing the many conveniences that do come with city life."

On the contrary, The Piazza at Serendra will give residents and visitors an experience that goes beyond the conveniences of urban living. With its unique mix of delis, cafes, bars, retail stores and service shops, it will likewise provide a truly global experience.

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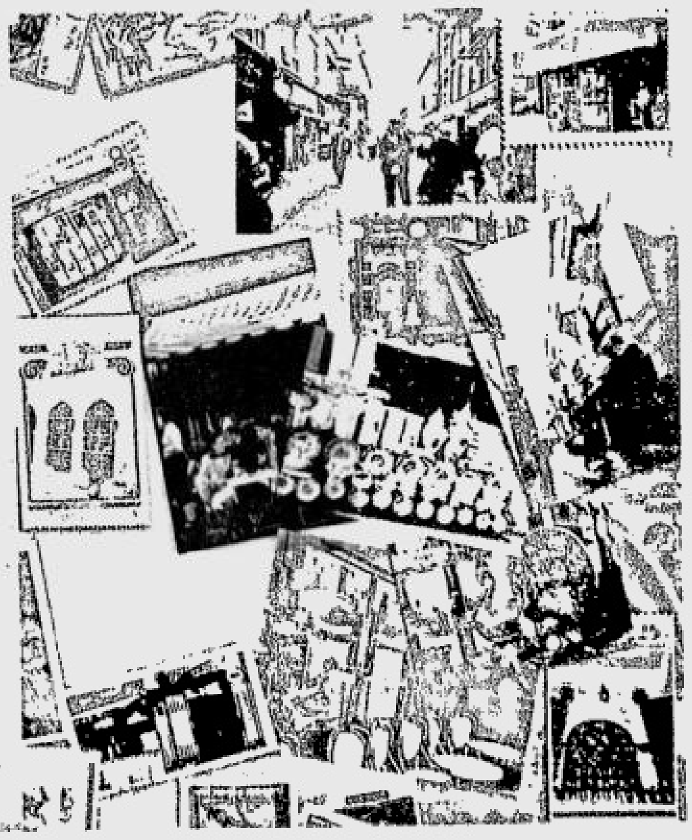

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Progress: Against all odds

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WHY are people so fond of painting doom's day scenarios for the Philippines? Horrors, even likening us to war-torn Afghanistan! A travel ban to the Philippines is now and then reimposed by some western countries on their nationals, no matter that more people get shot and killed in their first-world streets than here in our metropolis.

And why do a lot of Filipinos, especially those sanctimonious ones living overseas, speak and think negatively about our country? Does any of this pessimism do any good?

If only the people in media and politics, who do not have anything helpful to contribute, would just take a break, give us a break, and **shut up**, our economic progress will happen twice as fast. If they cannot speak well of the Filipino, the most prudent recourse would be to just keep quiet. It must be obvious to all that nasty comments at times like these are counterproductive and can scare investors away.

Do these people, who pretend to be nationalistic, not give a damn what happens to the country as long as they can chip in their two-cents' worth of criticism? Has it become so fashionable to kick ourselves now that we're down?

Vicious attitude

In one of the congressional hearings, when someone from the audience, a representative of the silent majority, the taxpayer and the private sector, stood up and told one congressman to **shut up**, it should have been seen as a symbolic message to all those who hamper progress with the negative things they persistently say.

This vicious attitude has been going on for decades in media and politics. But in spite of this, our lives do go on. Fortunately, Filipino entrepreneurs and developers seem to have risen above it all and proceeded to work toward progress. Black propaganda, destabilization plots and demolition jobs directly translate to the crippling of our economy.

I salute the Filipinos who now seem immune to these plots and have decided to just keep on working for the improvement of their way of life, and ultimately, our economy. Only because of them, have we stayed afloat.

Tangible indicators

Just to shake up some of our countrymen, still in the dark, thinking that our country's economic situation is hopeless, I listed some tangible indicators, particularly in the construction sector, to prove otherwise.

Real-estate developers are continuously building and gradually increasing and opening up new and beautiful housing developments. What's more, sales for these developments are growing. The landscape of the Calabarzon region in the south is fast transforming into a well-planned, urbanized area. This movement strengthens the building industry and creates a lot of jobs for brown-collar to white-collar workers.

Once the buyers are ready to move in, they buy furnishings and appliances, creating a chain reaction that turns the wheels of commerce. Car dealers, too, have been advertising like mad, promoting newer upon newer models because people seem to have the capacity to buy. Electronics and communications businesses are also making a killing.

Call-centers have provided thousands of jobs for the young urban professionals. Overseas contract workers continue sending their earnings to their families, thus adding to the business of banks and financial institutions. And now that the buying power of the Filipino has increased, huge, new commercial centers have mushroomed on every street corner.

Being redeveloped

Existing commercial centers are being redeveloped, such as Ayala Center's Glorietta and Greenbelt shopping complexes. They have even managed to link shopping/dining areas to business districts and main transportation hubs. Araneta Center in Cubao, with their spanking, new complex, the Gateway Mall, has done the same.

Likewise, the Ortigas Center has revitalized the Greenhills Shopping Center into a prime shopping district and is currently developing new ones in the Ortigas area. And please do not say *"parang wala ka sa Pilipinas"* when you visit these places, just because you do not want to admit what you can see with your own eyes.

Other developments

There are other developments and lifestyle centers that have also recently sprung up. Eastwood City Walk in Libis and the expanse of The Fort in Taguig boast some of the finest restaurants in town. Tutuban Center Mall has been refashioned for the comfort of bargain hunters in the heart of Manila. Business tycoon, Henry Sy, is currently building the Mall of Asia, which, similar in distinction to the US Mall of America, could be the biggest shopping center in this part of the world.

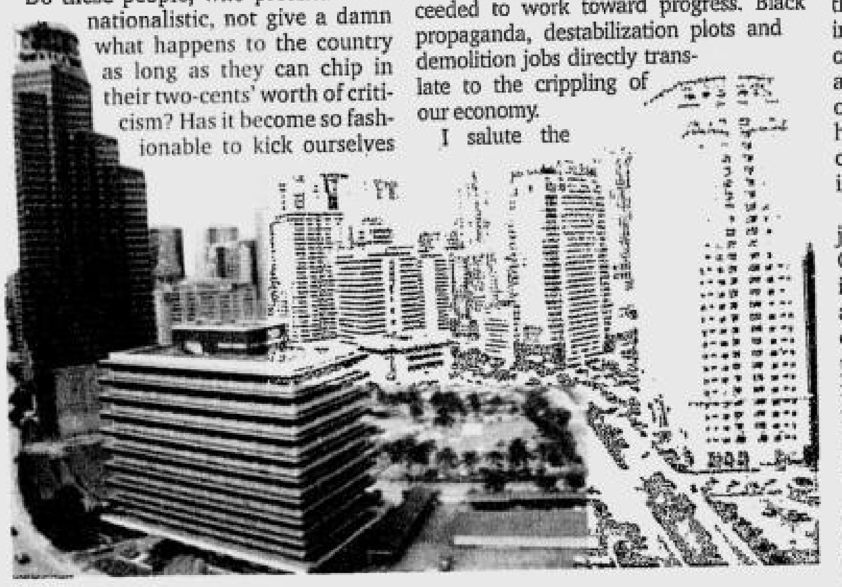
The proliferation of Sy's SM malls, which have sprung up all over the country like your neighborhood *"sari-sari"* (variety) stores, must be a big indicator of his trust in the local economy. The Robinsons group is just as prolific with their new malls and must likewise be as confident of our growth.

Positive outlook

Now admit it, even our roads are getting better. These are only a few of the signs of Filipino confidence and progress that we can see in the construction sector.

Staying indoors, glued to your TV screens, reveling in bad news would really give you a negative outlook of the country. It would surely make you want to migrate elsewhere.

On the other hand, it may be better to look around, go out for a stroll in one of our new malls, and appreciate how construction has improved in our cities. It may give you a more encouraging impression of our country. You must have a positive mental attitude and work for progress, instead of merely dreaming about winning your millions in "Game Ka na Ba?". You can watch and whine or you can participate and win. It's your choice.



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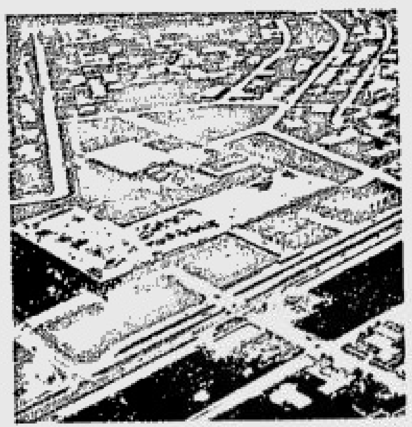

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Bali Mansions: a rejuvenating residence

A HOME is an abode meant to relax, rejuvenate both one's senses and spirit—to make one look forward to each new day, where sunlight eases through wide open windows and is reflected as well in the calming waters of the house's pool.

Nowhere is this more true than at the Bali Mansions, the newest community to rise at South Forbes Golf City. And it is reflected in the Mansions' wood-finish exteriors all the way to the contemporary Asian interiors as creatively rendered by ace designing duo Ivy and Cynthia Almario.

"We envisioned the Bali Mansions to exude a tropical Asian look. Thus, we used a lot of beige, brown and gray to convey the resort atmosphere in one's home, and accented these colors with white tones to provide a strong contrast to the dark, woody colors. To liven the rooms up, we added tropical colors such as red, green and oranges," Ivy narrates.

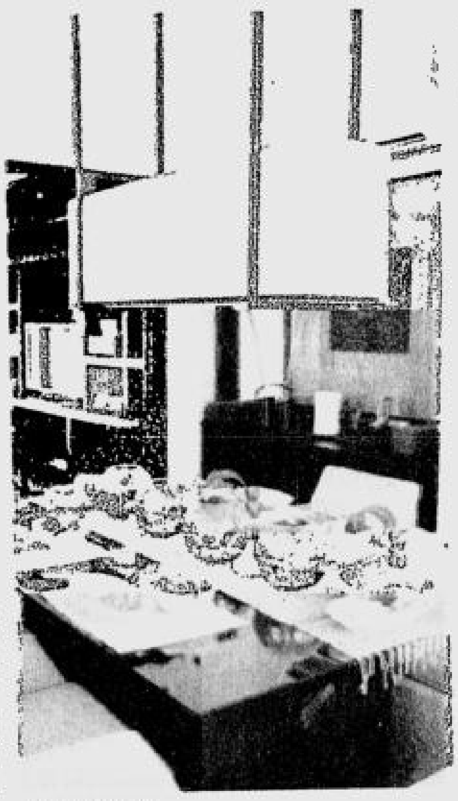
Wood embellishments

Their vision was brought to life in the Coralia model unit, which select clients viewed during its recent inauguration. The Coralia boasts 258 square meters of space, including a three-car garage, a large lanai and a pond. From the outside, the intricate details of the wood embellishments below the terrace and at the door welcome residents to a homey paradise.

The living room uses a lot of natural materials from the center wooden table to the fabrics used for the ultra comfortable four-seater sofas. Large pillows in brown, beige and green adorn the sofa, and all are laced with tassels for a distinctive Asian feel. Intricate hand-shaped metal accessories from Bangkok and large lamps, also featuring tassels, complete the Balinese "look."

The dining table and chairs have dark wood finishes as well, making guests feel like they're being treated to a sumptuous dinner at a resort. Actually, since they'll be dining from large leaf plates and inhaling the air scented by aromatic candles, dinner time at the Bali Mansions is more of partaking food to rejuvenate one's soul, not just for subsistence.

The elaborate wood finishing is extended to the stairs as well. These are straight and are made of wrought iron and in dark brown. Once one alights the stairs, a highly elaborate, imported 5 ft by 5 ft wood carving greets with splendor.



DINING area

A sense of royalty

Upstairs, the couple basks in a red bedroom that goes with their intense passion for the best in life. Their four-poster bed and its golden red and beige pillows give a sense of royalty. His and hers vanity areas accented by Artemis lamps as well as two lavatories make them excited for the day ahead. Louvre-type cabinets with fabrics for the walk-in closet further give them a feeling of luxury.

The girl's room comes in relaxing tones of light green and fuchsia pink. A square quilted duvet for the beddings is really fit for a princess. The entire headboard wall was especially upholstered. Two especially made wood artworks stand guard as she sleeps. The mirror effect, meanwhile, gives much space to the boy's room. A long headboard, in white leatherette, jibes well with the light brown and white motif.

Once seen for its totality, the Coralia model unit offers a relaxing spa-like environment for the family. But unlike the spa environment that one wants to experience for a short time at regular intervals, the Coralia gives discriminating homeowners that chance to have a daily spiritual retreat. After a hard day's work, moments of relaxation are just a short drive away, to be enjoyed with the entire family.

For the pleasure of visiting the South Forbes Bali Mansions, please call 636-4647 or 635-8108 now and log on to www.cathaylandinc.com.

MASTER'S bedroom

LGUs assisted to respond to housing needs, says De Castro

VICE President Noli de Castro disclosed the national government's strategy of boosting the capability of local government units (LGUs) to speedily respond to the housing needs of their constituents in local communities.

He spoke before the Local Government-Private Sector Housing Conference last week at the Philippine Trade Training Center in Pasay City attended by hundreds of mayors and other local officials.

The two-day gathering was sponsored by the Creba Social Housing Foundation Inc. (CSHFI), with the assistance of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC). Castro is concurrently chair of HUDCC.

Conference theme was "Sandaang Bahay sa Bawa't Lungsod at Munisipyo at Pribadong Sektor" to prod LGUs to initiate housing projects for their constituents.

CSHFI is the social arm of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Associations (Creba). Rosemarie C. Basa and Efren "Choy" Alas are the chair and president of the CSHFI.

Housing loan program

De Castro cited the programs of HUDCC and housing agencies for local governments, particularly the Pag-Ibig Fund's LGU housing loan provisions which aim to provide them with financial support at affordable terms to fast-track the development and implementation of housing projects in their respective localities.

Pag-Ibig Fund president-CEO Federico F.S. Romero also explained the details of the LGU housing loan program.

Among other measures, he said, are setting up local housing boards in every city and municipality, and speeding up the processing of housing permits and licenses by removing regulations that delay projects, like old provisions of the building code, repetitive and time-wasting approval rules, restrictive zoning ordinances and onerous and needless taxes and fees.

Government is also supporting decentralization of activities related to urban development, planning, finance and project implementation. Before long, it will set up housing bonds to enable LGUs to speedily secure lower interests funds for housing, De Castro said.

"Like the Creba Social Housing Foundation," De Castro said, "HUDCC believes that local officials are more in a position to know the actual housing needs of their constituents, the communities needing assistance accomplish the programs to deliver housing security."

Housing shortage

Placing the housing shortage this year at 3.9 million units, the Vice President said the government may only respond by some 1.1 million shelter security units or 33 percent of the requirements.

The balance of more than 400,000 units yearly is expected to be filled up by the private sector with the help of the local governments, he said. While the housing needs are increasing, he said, the challenges to the housing sector are likewise increasing.

The housing industry does not only respond to a basic need of people, De Castro stressed, but it is also considered "labor intensive that will provide employment to our countrymen." Studies show that housing development has a 16.6 percent multiplier effect on the economy.

Boosting housing dev't

De Castro said the government will boost housing development in the country by making the housing sector "investment friendly." For instance, he said, HUDCC is coordinating with the Department of Finance for the exemption from the Value Added Tax (VAT) the sale of housing units worth P1 million and lower and increase the exemption ceiling to P2 million.

The HUDCC has approved a new price ceiling for social housing, in response to Creba's appeal, from P225,000 up to P300,000, in order to encourage developers to invest in social housing projects.

Developers are also being assisted in complying with the 20 percent balanced social housing requirement for housing development through alternative compliance mechanism such as the sale of bonds of Pag-Ibig Fund and the Home Guaranty Corp.

De Castro also said the government is responding to the needs of the informal sector through public rentals, lease/purchase and shared ownership; reasonable at more humane transfer of informal settlers and widening of microhousing finance initiatives through banks and microfinance institutions.

Key to a successful real estate investment

FOR A KNOWLEDGABLE investor, real estate investing is one investment area that yields many opportunities and long financial security. However, because of the broad, diverse and changing intricacies and techniques of real estate, many newcomers suffer business failure instead.

To guide beginners and prospective real estate investors, dealers, developers and realty professionals from the said misfortunes, Urban Institute will conduct a lecture on "Investing In Real Estate: Opportunities, Techniques and What Are Needed to be Learned" on Aug. 22, from 1:30 to 6 p.m., at the second floor, Max's Restaurant, Glorietta 2, Ayala Center, Makati City.

Schedule

To be conducted every Monday and Wednesday at the same time and venue, the lecture series can be attended separately as follows: Aug. 24—Property Development and HLURB Rules and Regulations; Aug. 29—Joint Ventures and Syndications for Real Estate Projects; Aug. 31—Management of Rental Properties; Sept. 5—How to Start and Manage a Successful Real Estate Brokerage Company; Sept. 7—Making Big Money in Distressed Properties; Sept. 12—Real Estate Finance and Investment Analysis.

Other schedules are Sept. 14—Mathematics of Real Estate Investment; Sept. 19—Installment Sales: All You Need to Know; Sept. 21—How-to's of Real Property Valuation; Sept. 26—Legal Aspect of Sale, Mortgage and Lease with Contract Documentation and Registration; Sept. 28—Taxation Aspects of Real Estate Transactions and Real Property Assessment.

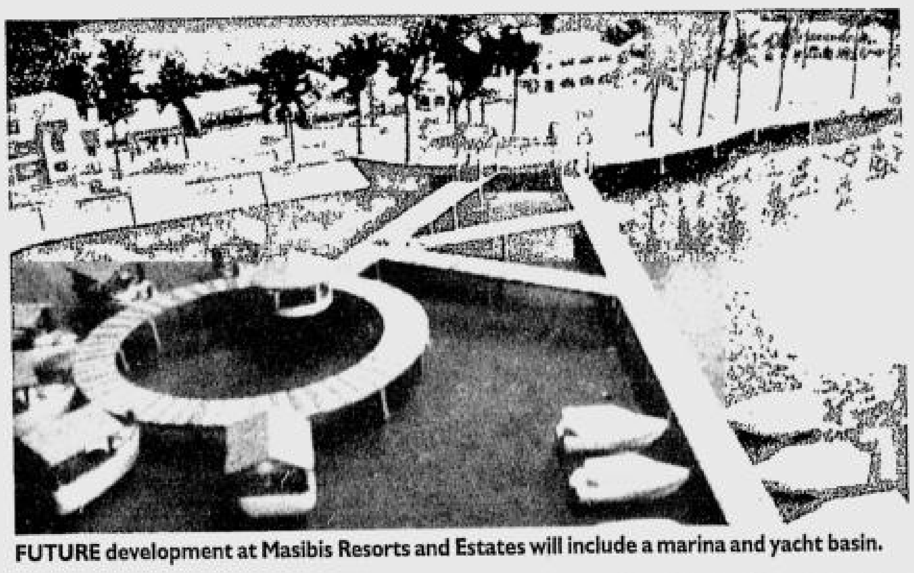
The lecture series is accredited by the Department of Trade and Industry for CEP (continuing education program) compliance.

Lecturers

Lectures will be given by lawyer Dennis Tablizo, noted resource person on land laws, and engineer Enrico Cruz, who has more than 35 years in real estate, engineering, construction, management and education.

Also a licensed real estate consultant, Cruz topped and placed 8th in the real estate appraiser's and broker's board examination, respectively. He was conferred the title "Real Estate Fellow" by the Philippine Council of Real Estate Educators.

For other details, call the Urban Institute at 681-0928 or 0916-426-9174 or e-mail urbanet@pacific.net.ph.



FUTURE development at Masibis Resorts and Estates will include a marina and yacht basin.

Resort worth P1B rising in Albay

By Charles E. Buban

THE NEW Masibis Resorts and Estates in Cagraray Island is earning a reputation as Albay's rising star among the province's numerous destinations, with its upcoming masterplanned community, natural attractions and the P1 billion investment that its developer has earmarked for its 2015 completion.

Masibis Resorts and Estates is a 260-hectare property located at the southeastern part of the island, which is about 20 km northeast of Legazpi City.

"It will be a continuing development that will span 11 years. Last year, we started the first phase involv-

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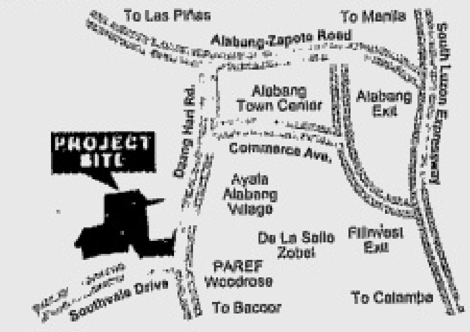
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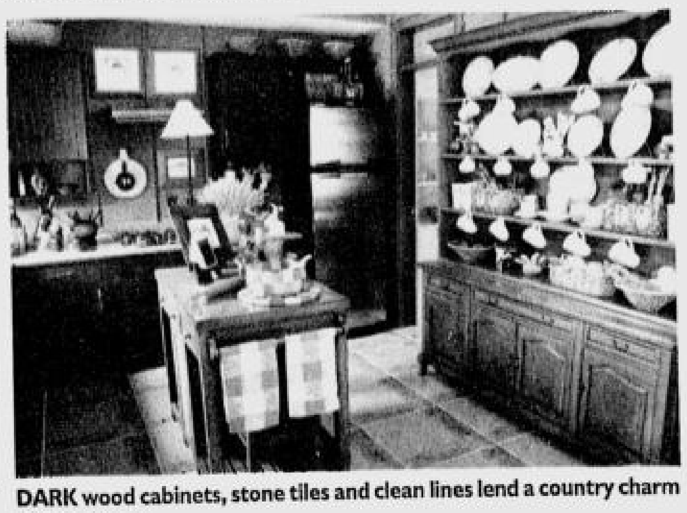
A REFRESHING splash of apple green on the walls adds a vibrant character to the living room.



DARK wood cabinets, stone tiles and clean lines lend a country charm to the kitchen.

CrossWinds: A breath of fresh air

JUST beyond the Picnic Grove is a corner of Tagaytay where the gentle breeze is blowing unmistakably more fragrant. Within this area is where the sweet scent of Christmas perfumes the air all year round. It is called CrossWinds—a property development by Brittany Corp. that redefines weekend leisure.

CrossWinds is named after the merging of wind current blowing from various directions. This sanctuary south of Manila offers a choice of weekend homes best suited for one's living situation namely the Quadrilles which is composed of charming Swiss chalets and the Grand Quartier which is a low-rise multifamily development.

Environmental conservation

The fragrant scent that envelops the property, however, is one of the features that make CrossWinds a unique and decadent retreat. Two years ago, Brittany Corp. began to propagate pine seeds and successfully produced more than 8,000 seedlings. and the count is continuously growing. Today, one-half have been planted within the property while the other half is in a nearby nursery awaiting transfer.

"Environmental conservation is a serious concern," Brittany Corp. president Jing Serrano asserted. "In every development we undertake, the preservation of the integrity of the land is always an important consideration."

Respect for the environment, she added, is always at the heart of every project. It is the land that provides for the future. And in nurturing it comes the improvement of the quality of life which is among the core values of Brittany Corp.

"CrossWinds is a primary example of this," continued Rodel Racadio, vice president of Brittany Corp. "Within this community, not only do the homeowners have the security and the amenities that we offer, they also enjoy the benefits of clean, fresh air and an environment that is teeming with life and rich colors of nature."

Aromatic pine scent

This richness is immediately noticeable upon the first whiff of the sweet pine scent. CrossWinds' resident forester Dave Pote explained the aromatic pine scent comes from the resin released by the tree when exposed to high temperature. And while pine trees are often associated with Christmas, snow and European traditions, it is not exactly foreign in the Philippines. The country is home to two varieties named after their origin—the Benguet pine and the Mindoro pine.

The varieties of seedlings in CrossWinds were especially handpicked to ensure that these flourish in Tagaytay. According to Pote, a tree averages 15 feet in height and should be planted about two to three meters apart. Within the property, the trees are used at roadsides and as lot borders.

A more important role

On the slopes, however, the pine trees have a more important role than merely to perfume the air and separate portions of the property. It is meant to ensure that the land stays green and the air clean.

"The pine trees are important for reforestation because it thrives on degraded and naturally infertile sites," Pote continued. "The moderately sloping terrain of the area also adds beauty because passers can see the lush and properly pruned trees at different angles. Pine needs to be perpetuated to maintain the unique climate of the region as well as to promote ecological balance of the vital watersheds supporting the river systems draining downward the lowland areas."

When planting is completed, the 8,432 pine trees will occupy over three hectares of this more than 100-hectare property. But the job of Pote and his crew will be far from over. Part of their responsibilities is to maintain the trees—a task that he confided is not a very difficult one since, apart from pruning, pine requires little looking after.

Pruning

Pruning is meant to renew the growth of the tree and ensure its health. Artificial pruning is the removal of branches from chosen areas. This is usually done to increase the quality and value of the tree and also enhances the shape. Natural or self-pruning, on the other hand, is the elimination of branches by the tree itself.

"Why is there a compelling need to prune trees? Different purposes may serve in every field of interest. Technically, we prune trees to produce knot-free wood or what is known as clearwood. In agroforestry, it is to avoid large branches in the lower part of the trees thereby allowing the increased sunlight availability for pasture growth. But basically, we do such an activity for easy access and monitoring, fire hazard reduction, sanitation and appearance," Pote explained.

So escape to where rolling hills of fragrant pine meet the cool Tagaytay breeze. Where charming homes inspired by Switzerland's famous chalets sit along hilltop greens, inviting a piece of the Swiss Life. A refreshingly tranquil haven awaits at Brittany's CrossWinds.

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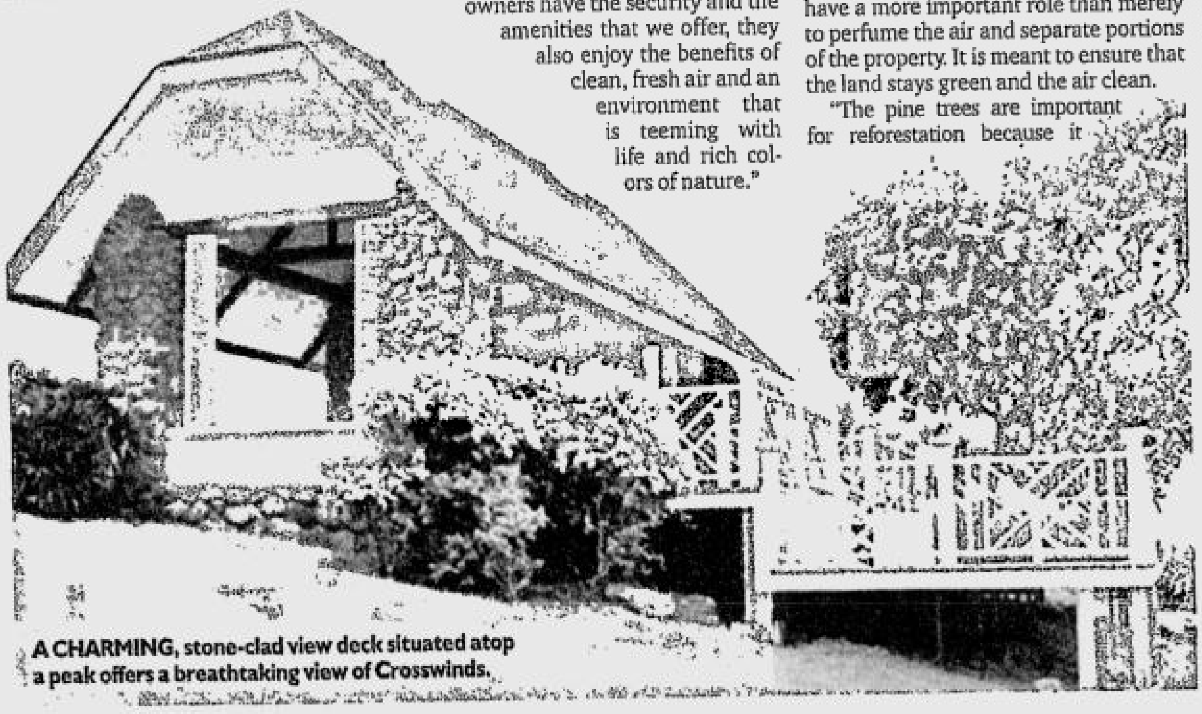

A CHARMING, stone-clad view deck situated atop a peak offers a breathtaking view of Crosswinds.

What you need to know about plumbing

AT HOME, water is one of the most important elements that is used every day. It runs in different styles and designs of faucets installed in the kitchen, toilet, bathtub, shower, laundry sink, the garden, the water heater, the washing machine and the dishwasher.

But how does water contribute to the overall plumbing system in your homes?

Water enters your house through a main supply line. It passes through a water meter. Water travels by gravity, but first must pass through a trap located below each fixture. Traps allow water to flow but prevent sewer gas from drifting up the drain. Vents on the roof left in air. This allows water waste to flow freely to the waste and vent stack and out the sewer line.

But water is also known to be tricky most specially if we just take for granted a simple leak.

Helpful tips

Here are some helpful tips on plumbing from Ortigas Home Depot.

- As a homeowner, it is very important for you to have a working knowledge of your plumbing system so that you will understand why something isn't working properly.
- Make a map showing how the plumbing in your home is installed.
- Know where the water meter and the main shutoff valve are located.
- Find out where the water comes into the house and where the drain pipes and traps flow out.
- Begin with easy projects. Most repair and maintenance jobs are fairly simple. Check throughout the house to see if repairs are needed. Does a faucet drip? Is the toilet acting up?
- Don't be afraid to call a plumber when there's an emergency or if you're just not sure how to proceed a project.

Price guarantee

At Ortigas Home Depot, one can choose from a wide array of plumbing products like Alpha Heaters, Atlanta pipes, Bestank, Champs Heaters, Cool Faucets, Delta Faucet, HCG, Moen, Nison, Panasonic, Royal Tern, Sanitec and Toto.

Located at No. 1 Doña Julia Vargas Ave., Barangay Ugong, Pasig City, Ortigas Home Depot is open every day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ortigas Home Price Guarantee makes it sure that products that you buy in the Home Builder's Superstore is the lowest. If you find the same brand of items priced lower from any other retailer, Ortigas Home Depot will match the price and refund the difference.

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THE CALMING vista of the sea provides great hope and promise. Within its horizon, the sun rises as a symbol of new life and vitality. At night, its setting is a romantic prelude to rest and relaxation preceding another day of work and play. While urbanization caused most of us to exchange our tranquil life for a fast-paced one, Federal Land Inc.'s Bay Garden gives us this idyllic living that we thought could only happen in our dreams.

Bay Garden is a prime condominium development that allows you to be in the center of cosmopolitan living without compromising your serenity. Adjacent to Manila Bay, you can wake up every day to dynamic cityscapes and priceless views of sunrise and sunset.

The completed Anchor Bay, Boardwalk Bay and Crystal Bay towers, along with the rising Mactan Tower, give clients various option units to suit their budget and style in their search for a perfect home. Each unit comes with the appurtenant conveniences of well-appointed bedrooms, toilet and baths, and other features—all for the purpose of making city living comfortable and luxurious.

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Bay Garden is situated within Metropolitan Park—the emerging masterplanned community on Roxas Boulevard and Edsa extension that is part of a bigger development with ongoing projects for a new sanitation system, road network and centralized sewage treatment.

Holistic living

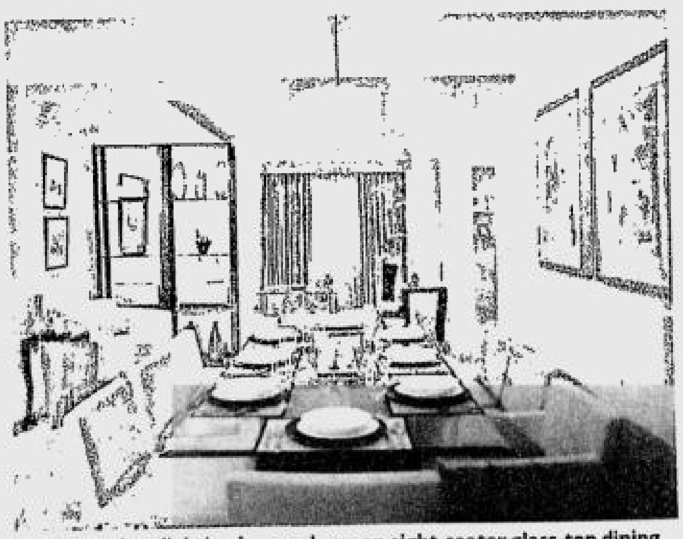
Disentangled from the urban problems of pollution, congestion and sanitation, Bay Garden gives you the chance to be part of a new paradise. This guarantees that Bay Garden is not just another residential property, but a lifetime investment.

Nearby, other Federal Land structures ensure that you'll never have to go far for your daily needs and entertainment. Aside from the event-packed Le Pavilion and Blue Wave commercial hub, the park would soon house business centers, a modern hospital and a banking institution.

"The emphasis on holistic living, made possible by the synergistic function of surrounding establishments, gives clients the perfect opportunity to live in a community that would continue to thrive over time," Federal Land FVP for marketing Ramon Aldaba said.

The Bay Garden lifestyle comes at a price point that is more competitive with other property developments. And with the unparalleled opportunities for growth, it will become even more worth it. And being affordable doesn't mean that you are shortchanged on the returns of your investment.

Invest in your future now at the growing community of Bay Garden by Federal Land. Call 889-6414 or 889-4900 or e-mail inquiry@federalland.com.ph for more information.



SOFT pendant lighting hangs above an eight-seater glass-top dining table, together with leatherette dining chairs. A wood framed mirror wall illuminated by soft lighting sits across from the table, further adding a cozy feel.

TOPPING-OFF CEREMONY
Tiangge

TOPPING-OFF RITE
ASB Holdings Inc. recently held the topping-off ceremony of St. Francis Square. A fully air-conditioned, multilevel "Tiangge" shopping mall located between SM Megamall and the Podium in the Ortigas Center. St. Francis Square caters to bargain hunters, wholesale and retail buyers. Present during the topping off are special guest and partners (from left) Bishop Fred Magbanua, architect Eduardo Madulid, lawyer Julio Elamparo, Marciano Facun, former Congressman Rodolfo Tuazon of Sarnar, lawyer Deogracias Eufemio, ASB Holdings president and CEO Luke C. Roxas and engineer Johnny Tan.

Resort worth P1B rising in Albay

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ing 60 hectares," reports Masibis Land Inc. president and CEO Elizaldy Co.

P500-M development

Within this P500 million development, Masibis Land is planning to build a 900-lot residential property that they hope would attract retirees and those looking for second homes.

"For now, we are completing the commercial portion of the development, which will be the centerpiece of the planned residential development," says Co.

He reports that they are now completing the boardwalk and gazebos, clubhouse with function rooms, restaurants and bars, infinity pool and deck, business center, 24 guest rooms and 28 cabanas, entry lounge and coffee shop, poolside sunken bar, spa and health clinic, recreational facilities and equipment in time for the soft opening on April 2006.

Also, Co shares that Masibis Resorts and Estates has built a P60-million sewage treatment plant to process its waste water.

"With the growing awareness of eco-tourism and the development of infrastructure attractions, it has become necessary to use best practices to reduce the impact of increased visitor numbers," says Co.

Because of the developer's efforts, Masibis Resorts and Estates was evaluated as a "Class AAA" resort by the Department of Tourism and the third Tourism Estate Zone resort after Boracay and Fort Ilocandia by the Department of Tourism and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

More developments

By April 2009, Co reveals they will add 30 more guest rooms, convention hall, spa, basketball and tennis courts, and even a helicopter ride.

"Hopefully, if things go as planned by 2010, we would have built a golf course, farm lots, marina yacht basin, canopy walk and many more within the remaining 200-hectare portion of the property," says Co.

He says Albay Gulf, where the property is located offers a myriad of attractions for their would-be residents.

"For example, the three-kilometer Sula Channel is nearly enclosed so it looks like a lake if you're in the middle. And because its water is calm, the channel is perfect for fishing, enjoying water activities, and diving [there are sunken galleon ships located in the area, too]," reveals Co.

He reveals that the islands surrounding Albay Bay provide a new investment environment for hotel and resort development companies interested in providing nature theme vacation destinations as well as home developers wanting to build residential communities.

THE RESIDENTIAL development will attract retirees and those looking for second homes.

The inviting lobby of Bonifacio Ridge

THE STUNNING twin towers of Bonifacio Ridge showcase sophisticated abodes.

AN ELEGANT console table with four chairs is just a part of the cozy lobby where the residents can receive their guests.

YOU may not notice it easily but the lobby walls of the Bonifacio Ridge, the low density residential condominium building at the northwestern section of the Bonifacio Global City, are not made of concrete or plywood but glass. The panels were painted at the back and frosted on the top surface. "It's a different interpretation of the typical glass panel," says design consultant, Wilfrid Nicholo "Nicky" Magcase, who designed the Bonifacio Ridge lobby.

What immediately catches the eye is the unusual treatment of the wall in the sitting area. "Instead of hanging a painting, I decided to make a wall that is architectural and decorative at the same time," Magcase explains, "so it's a nice background for the sofa. I drew my inspiration from our Filipino mat weaving, but I used solid wood and made them interlap." The material is imported maple wood veneer. No staining was done. Only flat lacquer was applied.

Architectural changes

Magcase did a few architectural changes on the original lobby "to make it more interesting and more architectural in approach and design." He worked on the flat walls and created recesses or alcoves. Instead of just a straight wall, he followed a curvilinear pattern.

"I made the wall curve because that space actually leads you to the elevator area," he noted. The columns are not the usual square or circular columns but instead, they are oval, "to give it that subtle, elegant look."

A lot of natural materials were used. Maple wood veneer was used extensively in the walls as well as in cladding the columns. The hanging oval-shaped lighting fixtures are made of natural alabaster. Cove lights from the coffered ceilings give the place a soft illumination.

"While other buildings would have two-story high lobby ceilings, we have a one-story ceiling that I kept simple, following the geometric form of the oval figure so it actually reflects the oval figures of the columns," Magcase observes.

Local marble from Mindoro was used for the floor, with accents of imported jade green marble, the color of grass. Bonifacio Ridge is right beside the Manila Golf Course, so this was a main consideration. The two towers of the residential condominium were named after popular golf courses in the United States—"Cypress" and "Spanish Bay."

Very cool color scheme

"To be consistent, I applied the green color, which is very organic, very natural," Magcase explains, "as seen in the green marble and the very light green color on the walls. It's a very cool color scheme."

Green marble was also used in the reception area. And to add drama, black granite was used for the counter top. The textured glass panel at the bottom of the counter is back-lighted, to give it a nice glow.

The cozy lobby has enough space for at least three seating areas: the sofa against the woven mat-designed wall; a cocktail table with four chairs in the extended glass-walled portion that looks out to the driveway; and the console table with two chairs on the other side of the lobby.

Natural material was also used on the wall outside, at the porte cochere, leading to the entrance of the lobby. "It is a multicolor copper slate that echoes the color scheme inside," Magcase notes.

First impression

"What is nice about doing a public space is that a lot of people get to see it," Magcase remarks. As the entry point, a lobby is like the face of a person. It gives you the first impression. Is the place clean, inviting and homey?

Functionally, it is where the guests get to talk to the receptionist or the guard and where the residents may pick up their mail, just like in a hotel lobby. It is also where they can receive their guests, if they prefer not to entertain in their unit.

Magcase, who admits to a preference for the contemporary sleek design, intended to give Bonifacio Ridge the lobby looks of a boutique hotel "for that nice feeling," he says. He did not hesitate to use some local materials, since it is the design and finish that give it an international and cosmopolitan look.

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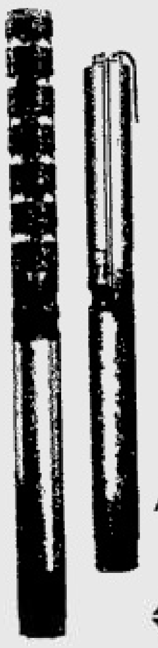

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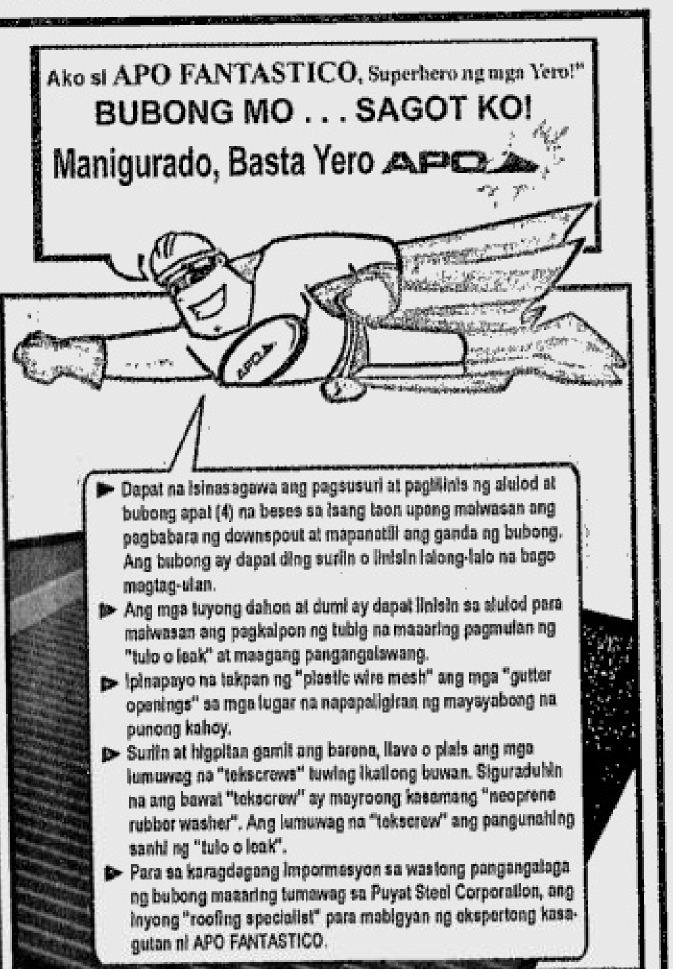

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THE OBELISK at Heliopolis

The oldest, the tallest

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MENTION the word "obelisk" and Egypt automatically comes to mind. So it's no surprise that the oldest standing tapering monument with a pyramidal top is found here.

Dating from the 20th century B.C., the obelisk of Heliopolis is considered the world's oldest standing obelisk among the existing 27 obelisks still standing worldwide.

Located at one of the most ancient cities of Egypt, it was once one of two obelisks erected at the seat of worship of the sun god Ra. Currently, Heliopolis is a residential area and a part of the city of Cairo.

The obelisk stands at 20.5 meters and weighs 120 tons. A small park now encircles the remaining obelisk.

The tallest obelisk

Not all noteworthy obelisks are found in ancient civilizations though. At the center of the National Mall in Washington D.C., is a large, white obelisk built as a memorial to George Washington and listed as the tallest obelisk in the Guinness World Records.

Designed by Robert Mills in 1838 for the first president of the United States, the marble, granite and sandstone monument rises more than 168 meters (550 feet) above the city and is the largest masonry structure in the world. It took 36 years to finish the obelisk—from 1848 to 1884—nearly 30 years after its architect's death, because of budget constraints and the Civil War.

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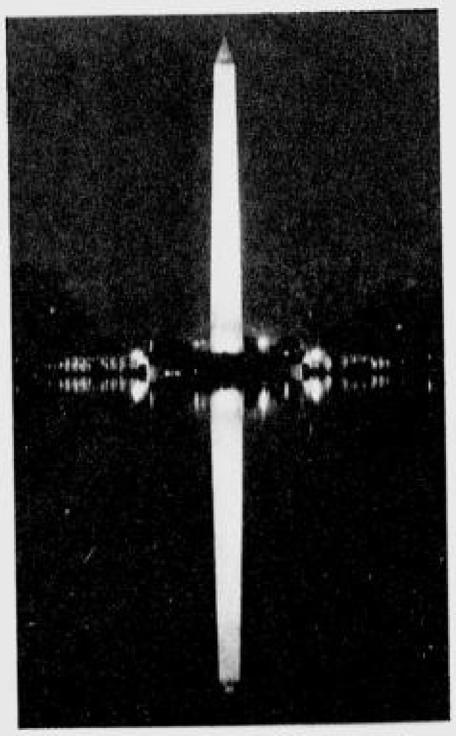

A VIEW of the Washington Monument at night and its reflection on the park's Reflecting Pool

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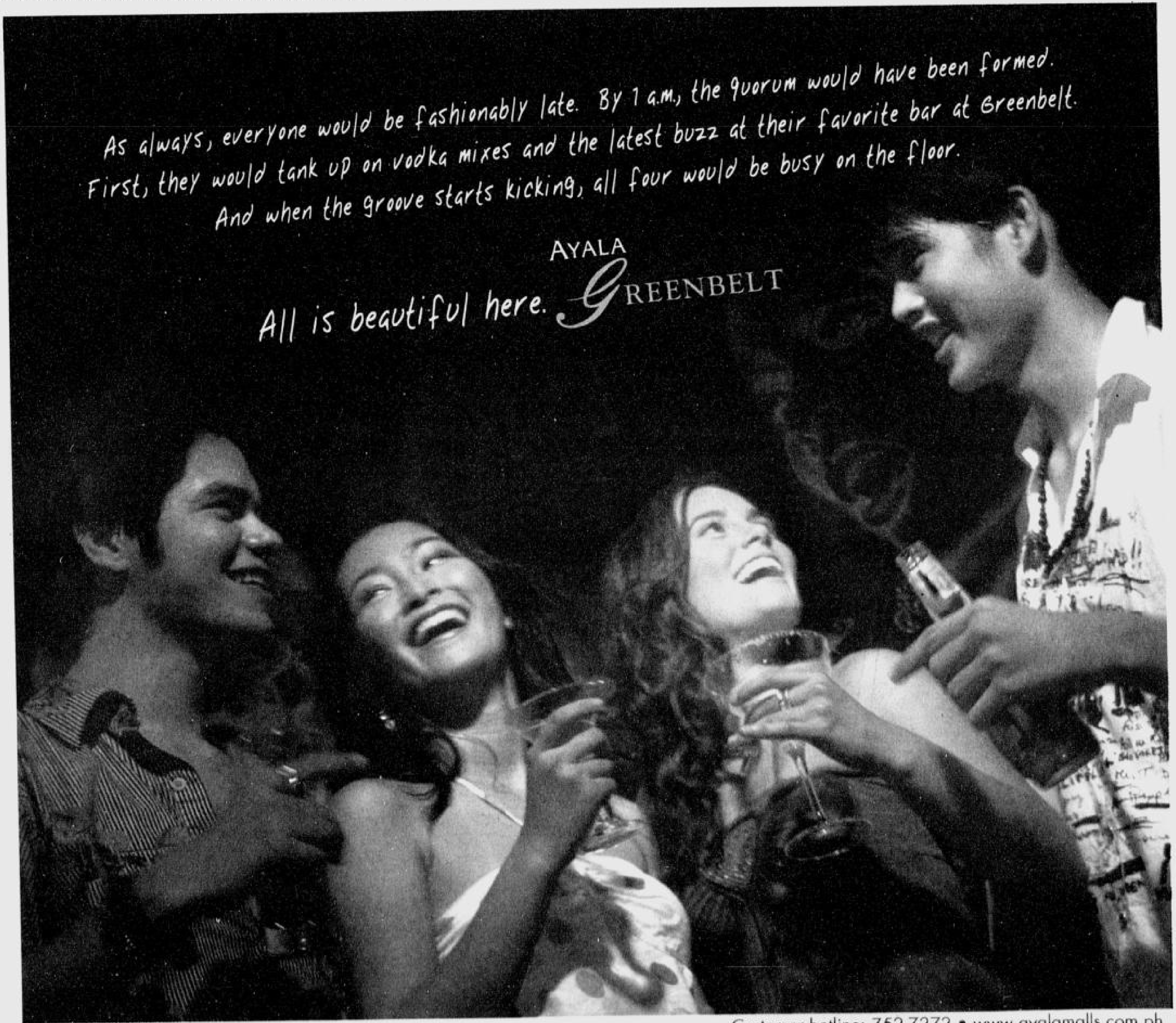
As always, everyone would be fashionably late. By 1 a.m., the quorum would have been formed. First, they would tank up on vodka mixes and the latest buzz at their favorite bar at Greenbelt. And when the groove starts kicking, all four would be busy on the floor.

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Four Golden Tickets

Your four pillars need care and attention so that the factory that is you will not have to close down anytime soon

By Katrina A. Holigores
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YES, BY now you've probably watched Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and yes, there were five, not four, golden tickets. It's not a typo but yes (sheepish grin) a cheap trick to get you to read this. If you have not had the opportunity to watch Tim Burton's adaptation of Roal Dahls bittersweet storytelling of a rather dark Peter Pan type character (and I don't mean Michael Jackson) taking five different kinds of children into his Chocolate filled Neverland then go. At the very least, it will be a venerable feast for the senses, and you may enjoy the incredible CG effects the movie has in store. Today let's explore a different kind of factory, one that is held up by four golden pillars. Pillars, which if left uncared for, will cause a serious meltdown.

The first pillar is the body. What have you done to it lately? For every gym and fitness center that opens up, about ten new fast food outlets open right along with it (or right beside it). It seems to be a vicious cycle. What do you do to your skin? Have you checked the ingredients of the products that you use at least once a day? How much exactly do you know about proper nourishment and stress relieving practices? Fad diets, accessibility to dietary medication, technology that promises to give you a whole new you in an instant has whittled down the discipline of working things from the inside out.

Second pillar

The second pillar is the mind. Like TV addict Mike in the movie, we have become fixated on the box. The convenience of being visually spoonfed dramatic stories, gossip, violence, sex, new musical idols, etc., has caused deterioration in our own imagination. Because of the availability of entertainment via the boob tube 24/7 we have turned our mind into a vacuum rather than a machine of creation.

The third pillar is the heart. Do you feel that you may have lost the ability to express yourself? Or is there a general feeling of numbness within you? The word that may describe this is "*manhid*" or indifferent, even apathetic. The heart that normally bursts forth with emotion is now subdued and waits rather miserably within your chest. Due to the increasing instability and bad news blues brought to us via every media vehicle out there, we would rather not say or feel anything that will bring us more grief, or cause more hurt.

The fourth pillar is the soul. Spirits may be on an all time low. Sure there are a lot of party places to relieve you, but these are temporary fixes. Yup, you know the feeling, you're pretty much flying until you wake up the next morning, and you have to trudge your way through the rest of your day.

Awareness

I'm going to stop now, because my intention is not to depress, but to raise awareness of certain issues that you may have swept under the carpet instead of facing them. I'm here to offer you alternatives and there is no better time to explore your options than now; in fact, these may be wonderful ways to celebrate the last quarter of 2006.

For the body: The Wellness Institute offers classes on Herbology, Bionutrition, Aromatherapy, Homeopathy, Anatomy and Physiology as well as serves as a center for holistic diagnostic and inner health checkups. Have your blood analyzed, get a biological terrain assessment (BTA) and see how your systems are (or not) performing to their optimum. Check them out at www.wellnessinstituteinternational.com or call 6317794

For the mind. Get inspired, start to create. A group of cinematographers, photographers, painters have come together to form the Blacksoup Artspace which offers a chance to see exhibits, short films and to take courses in digital photography, filmmaking and storytelling. You can e-mail blacksoup_projectartspace@yahoo.com or call 4398838 to find out schedules.

Feel again

For the heart. It's time to feel again, and this October, the prestigious Writing Salon Workshops is coming to the Philippines. American poet James Navé and American screenwriter Allegra Huston (daughter of legendary director John Huston) will conduct workshops in Boracay. To see what's in store go to www.thewritingsalon.net or e-mail info@thewritingsalon.net.

For the soul. The possibilities are ENDLESS. But start with a cause. Yours. There are so many people in need of your special skills. Perhaps your guidance, your strength, your talents, abilities that only you possess that could ease the lives of others. There are many institutes out there that will welcome your presence with open arms, but first you must decide in what way you want to give BACK. Think bigger than yourself and, maybe, create a personal mission statement. Find inspiration in this. And soon, you will inspire others. Your four pillars need care and attention so that the factory that is you will not have to close down anytime soon.

It takes two (or twenty) to make it right

WHEN you say "I Am Super," not only are you owning your role in our generation's growth, you are also empowering others to do the same.

Last year, we celebrated our first birthday through a series of seven intimate events. This year, we decided to speak a little louder and spread our Super message to more like-minded people. After all, it's not only our second year, it's also the INQUIRER's 20th anniversary.

Recognizing our generation's standouts, we are continuing our tradition of hand-picking twenty young individuals who are rocking their respective fields.

The Super Jury faced the challenge of choosing just twenty awardees out of the maverick movers of the current crop.

As always, this year's set of Twenty Outstanding Young Movers of the Google Era is as diverse as the personalities that make up your regular Saturday habit. From theater to indie cinema and technology to fashion—we are extremely proud to pay tribute to the following Super peeps:

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who rocks the world of Music and Fashion and More.
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Highlighting our ability to create, KC Concepcion has organized an Artists' Fair showcasing artwork and products from 49 participants including Karel and Pinky Marquez, Jett Pangan, Wawi Navarozza, Rivermaya, UP Fine Arts, UFO Gallery, Raymond Lee, Reggie Yuson, Vernon Perez, Kiko Escora, Nilo Coronado, Puey Quiñones, Jason and Twinkle Zamora, Calvin Millado and Robbie Zialcita, Kate Torralba, Nicolette Bell, Rissa Samson, Chan Arespacochaga and Kaye Tiuseco, Ronald Pasion, Happy David and Sharon Cuneta.

The Super family will be there in full force. (Yippee!)

Entrance fee for the Artists' Fair is P50. All proceeds will go to our event beneficiary, the Hands On Manila Foundation. All major credit cards will be accepted at the bazaar.

The Artists' Fair starts at 10 a.m. and the "I Am Super" Awards begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. today at the NBC Tent. The "I am Super" Awards is strictly invitational. The first 50 Super readers to text 09214408075 (name/age/company or school/city) will get an invite.

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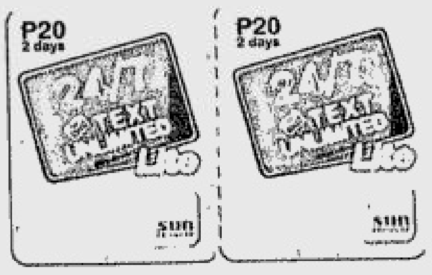

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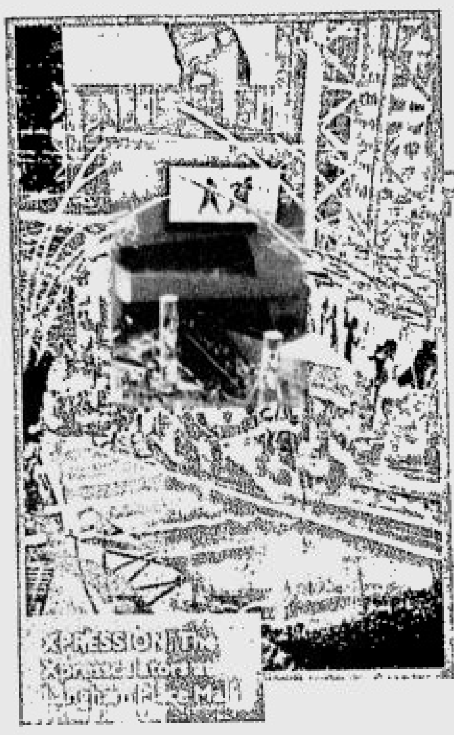

Hong Kong hangover

And the award for 'Best Religious Experience for Bargain-Crazy Pinoys This Time of the Year' goes to... the Hong Kong Shopping Festival! (Applause!)

CHANCES are, you've gone there before. On the other hand, maybe you haven't. The question is, have you ever been to Hong Kong during the tail-end of the summer sales? It's the only city in Asia where credit cards bleed with a smile. I tell you, it's downright religious. Or scary, if you're the one paying the bills. Sigh.

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Building children's resistance to sickness

It's a fact of life that parents worry about their kids all the time - and more so when they are sick. Whether it's just cough, colds, or something as serious as flu, parents will do everything to get information and remedies to help their kids get better.

Nothing beats prevention in keeping kids healthy, and moms and dads should take heed of the old saying "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". It would be best to develop healthy habits at a very early age - preferably during his first four years of life -- as these would give them a good foundation later on. Here, ANCHOR 1+ with Nutri-Care shares some tips to build your child's resistance against sickness and put him on the right track to a healthy lifestyle:

- Make sure your child has enough sleep. Lack of sleep makes us susceptible to sickness. Toddlers require 12 to 13 hours of sleep; a preschooler needs about 10 hours a day. Some kids do not like to take naps, so make sure they go to bed early.
- Make exercise a family affair. Regular fitness activities benefit both adults and children. To teach your child to value exercise, parents should serve as role models. Bike riding, walking, jogging and playing sports as a family is a good way of spending quality time while keeping fit.
- Practice good hygiene. Proper hygiene lessens the amount of germs on one's body thereby reducing the risk of sickness. Make sure that your kids wash their hands before and after each meal, and after playing outside, handling pets, using the bathroom and other potentially germ-attracting activities.
- Stop smoking. Mom and dads, if you are smoking, you are encouraged to quit! There are more than 4,000 toxins in cigarette smoke, most of which kill cells in our body. Secondhand smoke not only increases a child's risk of having bronchitis, ear infections and asthma, but can also affect mental development.
- Eat more veggies and fruits. Let's face it: most kids don't like eating fruits and vegetables. Yet these foods contain immunity-boosting nutrients, which increases the body's production of white blood cells responsible for fighting infections. Include fruits and vegetables in your child's diet by adding these in his favorite dishes.
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MAO AND ME. The lobby at the Langham Place Hotel

NICE TO MEAT YOU. Yummy treats at The Peak Lookout

MANO PO 2. All dressed up for a night out. Not really!

Hong Kong hangover

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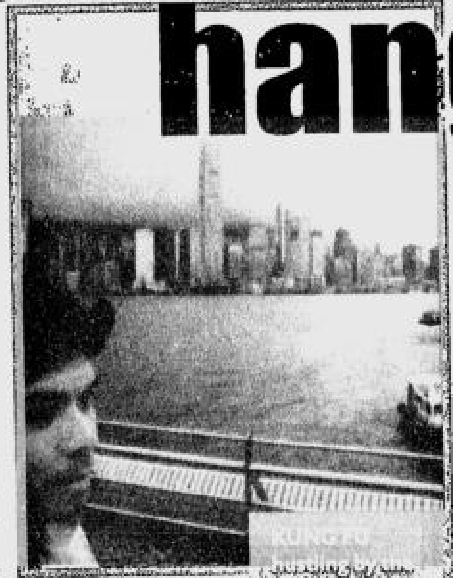
heart of its tourism industry, spending, haggling and haggling with a calculator is considered a way of life for locals and tourists alike. (That, and possibly the highest rate of buyer's remorse per square kilometer, like, ever.) The abundance of fashion labels, jewelry products, and electronics in Hong Kong is enough—nay, it's guaranteed!—to give any shopaholic (entry-level or otherwise) a serious case of store window whiplash.

Aside from being crammed with mountains of merchandise to make cosmopolitan consumers vomit with delight, Hong Kong's gastronomic goodies also make it a gourmet's wet dream come true. This tiny territory's evolving restaurant scene booms with cuisine from all corners of the planet, spanning various styles, tastes, budgets and most important, waistlines.

Those who want to sightsee with mad confounding glee need not worry either. Hong Kong's numerous postcard-perfect attractions make it the ideal place in which to spend a few days soaking up its different areas—Hong Kong Island, Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories. Cashing in on its British colonial past and Mainland Chinese present, the hub-hopper's haunt known as Hong Kong is definitely East/West at its best.



KUNG FU hustling by the Star Ferry Station

Enter The Dragon Part 2

In recent years, Hong Kong has bounced back from economic crises and the SARS scare to regain its position as one of the planet's most accessible—not to mention, totally sophisticated—leisure hotspots.

But because of its proximity to the Philippines, Hong Kong is often dismissed by seen-everything Pinoy scenesters as a clichéd destination. Then again, these jaded travelers are most likely not young. Meanwhile, I am, so my ability to become pleasantly surprised by things is still very much intact. In fact, I'm proud to say it's in overdrive.

Though I've been there a bunch of times, I hadn't been back in Hong Kong in about two years so it was totally rad that I was able to go recently. Armed with a camera, my mom's plastic and a mercifully short to-do list, I set my inner travel ho loose in this "Fragrant Harbour" to prove that you don't have to spend lavishly in order to have a lavish good time. Or not. Yippee!

The call of the malls

With a trip around the block yielding finds from a. und the world, Hong Kong, indeed, is a head-swirling mix of international taste and Cantonese bargaining instincts.

AWESOME outdoor tables at the Peak Lookout

i.t. Sale Shop
3/F, Silvercord Centre, 30 Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, H.K.

Offering 70 to 80 percent off on past designer collections, the i.t. Sale Shop rewards patient fashionistas with unexpected bargains from the likes of Raf Simons, Veronique Branquinho, Hussein Chalayan and my label-of-the-second, Viktor & Rolf. Local brands like 5cm as well as limited edition Nikes are also up for grabs. Because they have the good stuff for cheap, I took my time sifting through racks and racks of surefire sartorial treasures. So should you.

Harbour City
3 - 27 Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

With a total area of 2 million square feet, it's safe to assume that you can stroll around the massive Harbour City for the rest of your life.

The retail Who's Who includes Lane Crawford, Mulberry, Agnès. b., La Prairie, and Balenciaga. If lighthearted shopping fun is on your agenda, kids and geriatrics alike can explore the enormous Toys 'R' Us at the Ocean Terminal level.

Some shops are closed on Sunday but otherwise, the hours are about 10 or 11 am to 8 pm—enough time for you to go absolutely, mind-bogglingly bananas.

Langham Place Mall
8 Argyle Street, Mongkok, Kowloon, H.K.

A 15-story consumer temple, the Langham Place Mall is Hong Kong's most slammin' teenage wasteland. Anchored by Hong Kong Seibu, i.t. and Muji, as well as UA Cinemas' first 6-screen cineplex in Mongkok, the mall features Hong Kong's two longest indoor escalators called Xpresscalators.

Of course, the new, stunning mall attracts terminally stylish shoppers, too. I people-watched around the Spiral, where over 100 up-and-coming designer labels dance to the ka-ching of Young Hong Kong. In a bazaar setting reminiscent of old Mongkok, local brands such as i.s.o, Salad and U.W.N. jostle for attention alongside foreign names like Super Lovers, French Connection and Miss Sixty on the lower levels. Langham Place Mall is what I call special-quintessential.

Party central

As a forward-looking metropolis, Hong Kong—fo sho!—has its own pulsating nightlife scene. Start along Hollywood Road before making your way to Lan Kwai Fong to paint the town your own shade of Chinese red.

Dragon-i
UG/F The Centrium, 60 Wyndham Street, Central, Hong Kong

As far as New York-inspired Hong Kong clubs go, Dragon-i has the final say. A local paparazzi paradise, this Eurasian-themed nightspot is hard to get into and therefore, very popular with all the hot Asian celebrities of the moment.

The I'm-too-sexy ambience as well as the excellent cocktails—I ordered their signature Chartreuse Dragon—make Dragon-i the perfect pit stop during your Boho (below Hollywood Road) barhopping odyssey.

Heaven and Earth Bar and Restaurant
Basement of Century Square, 1-13 D'Aguilar Street, Central, Hong Kong

The appropriately-named Heaven and Earth is a cozy restaurant that serves superb modern Asian cuisine from Shanghai, Szechuan and Taiwan. At 4 p.m., Happy Hour, it turns into a well-stocked bar-slash-restaurant that can seat more than 170, serving great snacks and a wide selection of mixed drinks and local and international beers.

TICK TOCK. The Clock Tower at Tsim Sha Tsui

SWEET TREAT. Tin de Leon and Abby Arenas-De Leon with a giant squid

Gourmet paradise

Hong Kong has a world of exquisite dining options that represent many cultures and tastes. Day or night, this gourmet paradise has it all, whether you crave for a quick bite to eat or dinner with a totally breathtaking view.

The Peak Lookout
G/F 121 Peak Road, Hong Kong

The Peak Lookout is a Hong Kong landmark. With first-class service, value for money and a killer panorama, this former open-sided shelter draws upon the finest traditions of the world's kitchens in its menu: tasty tandoori chicken marinated in yogurt and herbs, barbecued meat and fish, and salads. Its jet-fresh seafood platter, a favorite among international and local visitors, has kept this charming establishment on the hall-of-fame list of Hong Kong restaurants. I sat indoors in what used to be the old Victoria Peak rickshaw terminus, but somehow, I wound up by the outdoor tables on the terrace. Which was even more awesome.

Lux Restaurant and Bar
UG/F California Tower, 30-32 D'Aguilar St., Lan Kwai Fong, Central, Hong Kong

The brick red walls and sensual interiors of this trendy restaurant and bar have attracted a steady stream of young, attractive and affluent ladies. On Friday and Saturday nights, Lux morphs into a beautiful people petting zoo, where one can dance to R&B while sipping a crantini.

With windows all around, this airy and sophisticated LKF (Lan Kwai Fong to you) stomping ground certainly has its share of regular diners. Its contemporary Mediterranean-influenced menu hits the spot, with its steak, lobster and prawn raviolini and tuna with black-olive pesto as the runaway faves.

Lux is open Monday to Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. for lunch and from 6 to 11 p.m. for dinner, closing at 1 a.m. Monday to Thursday and at 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. On Sunday

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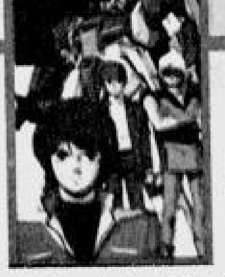
Action-packed anime at its stylized best

Hiroko Moriguchi

Moriguchi was the runner-up in a song competition called the Kachinuki Kayou Tonkoku (Song Paradise Tournament), and in the same year that she won made her debut as the voice behind the theme song of the series Mobile Suit Zeta Gundam. Besides being a singer, Moriguchi has appeared on variety shows and TV dramas. Buoyed on by her innate cheerfulness, she continues to broaden her talents through engaging in different artistic fields.

Mami Ayukawa

Ayukawa made her solo debut in 1984 with "Kaze No Reply," the theme song from the anime series Heavy Metal L-Gaim, and has since released 10 albums—including the theme songs for Mobile Suit Zeta Gundam. She is not just a songwriter who has written for artists such as Nakayama Miho and Sakai Noriko, she also does commercial songs, writes vocal arrangement for pop artists, and sings back-up vocals.



Who are your main influences?

Moriguchi: Diana Ross, Karen Carpenter, and Natalie Cole. I still listen to their music until now!

Ayukawa: Connie Francis and Ella Fitzgerald.

Gundam's market it seems is the male audience. Didn't you find it unusual that you ladies sang the songs for the series?

Moriguchi: I think that women are fit to become a part of the Gundam cartoon series because behind the fighting of the characters is the love from the women in their lives. Our kindness helps men become strong.

Ayukawa: That's right. Also, I think that the songs' contents also have a relation to women—they're about the space and the earth, and I think it is figuratively talking about the important role of motherhood in each person's life.

How important is music in your life? What does it do to you?

Ayukawa: I've been singing since I was four years old. I just really love the craft so much—you can take me in any environment and I will sing! It has been a big part of my life and I'm giving back to music what it has given to me through performing and entertaining others.

Moriguchi: Music for me is a pillar. I've been studying and learning it for years and it really is the one thing that I love the most. When I'm sad or heartbroken, music is the reason why I could live on.

When you do the voicing and singing for the show, do you do some kind of voice training?

Moriguchi: Nothing special for cartoon songs, really. What I do though is try to sing the lines as if I'm speaking them so that the message will be passed on smoothly.

Ayukawa: What I feel inside my heart, I release. I keep in mind the importance of being positive and I open my heart to the true message of the lyrics.

Move

Move—whose motto is "never settle on one form of music—instead pursue and discover other kinds"—is formed by leader T-Kimura, Yuri and Motsu. The trio fuses dance beat with aggressive rock to produce a distinctive sound that gives Initial D its needed rush of speed. One of the reasons behind the series' triumph is how Move's music syncs with the visuals to provide viewers an intense adrenaline rush.

What music are you listening to these days?

Motsu: With my age, I think I've heard all types of music, especially those of international artists. Yuri and I are both into the pop music of European and American artists and our favorite is Gwen Stefani.

T-Kimura: I listen a lot to Nine Inch Nails!

What do you like about the anime series Initial D?

Motsu: When I was a lot younger, I would read the comic book series all the time—and I enjoyed it tremendously. There's just so much life and happening in the story.

Yuri: I like the characters of Initial D the most—especially the main ones who possess pure hearts.

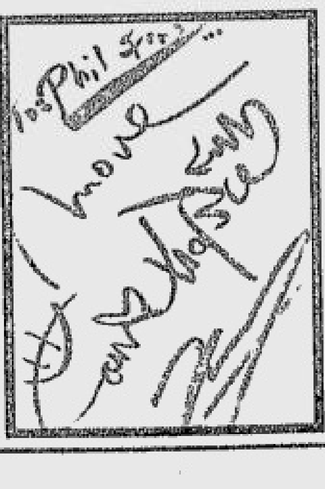
T-Kimura: I like the series because its producer explored new areas of the original material, the comics.

Motsu: And we heard that this is actually the first time that this integration of this type of genre of anime and a television series is being done.

If you were to become a ch acter in an ANIMAX carto which series would it be?

Motsu: The Initial D series, course.

Yuri: I love the Lupin III.



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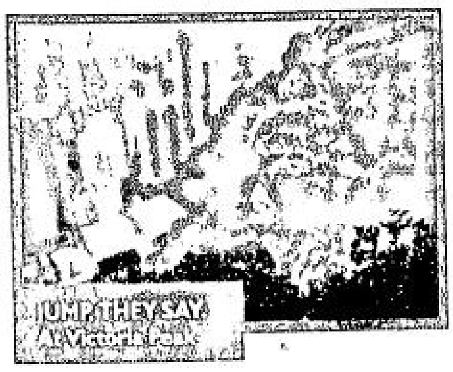

JUMP, THEY SAY
At Victoria Peak

it's open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

The Clipper Lounge Afternoon Tea at the Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong
5 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yum cha ("drinking tea") is an integral part of Hong Kong's culinary culture and dates back to early Victorian days. No doubt, this social convention was eagerly observed in the young colony of Hong Kong.

Tea at the Clipper Lounge has also become particularly famous. Jane Li, Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong's gracious public relations manager, says the atmosphere at the Clipper Lounge is conducive for intimate conversations, especially for high-profile peeps. "Celebrities like Jackie Chan, Maggie Cheung and Karen Mok have all come here for afternoon High Tea."

The Lounge is also the go-to spot for tai tais, Japanese tourists, high-ranking businessmen, and hotel guests, all coming to taste the hotel's finger sandwiches, sweets and scones and signature rose petal jam.

A new and somewhat decadent addition is the hotel's Chocolate Buffet. Served from Thursday to Sunday, original concoctions such as Rum Vanilla Truffles and Honey Lavander Truffles should excite any designer-decked chocaholic. My most wanted treat, though, was their Dark Chocolate-Covered Strong Blue Cheese Truffles. Sounds sick but it's really really yummy!

Jumbo Floating Restaurant
Shum Wan, Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

In the mood for food? Looking for a feast for the eyes? Follow the bright lights at Aberdeen and experience both on board the Jumbo Floating Restaurant. The real one, mind you.

Characterized by golds and reds, the restaurant/theme park on the sea specializes in fresh seafood but also offers roasted goose, Peking duck (HK$280/US$36), and changing seasonal dishes. Dim sum is available from an English menu (from trolleys on Sundays and holidays) until 4 p.m. For a token fee, I rented a traditional imperial costume for a "Mano Po" photo op.

Mad discounts! Hot pickings! Crazy tourists! The Hong Kong Shopping Festival ends on Aug. 31.

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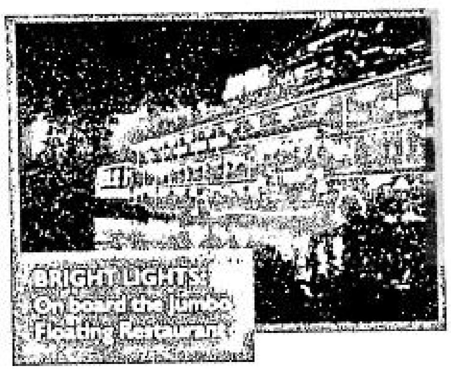

BRIGHT LIGHTS
On board the Jumbo Floating Restaurant

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pan III series.

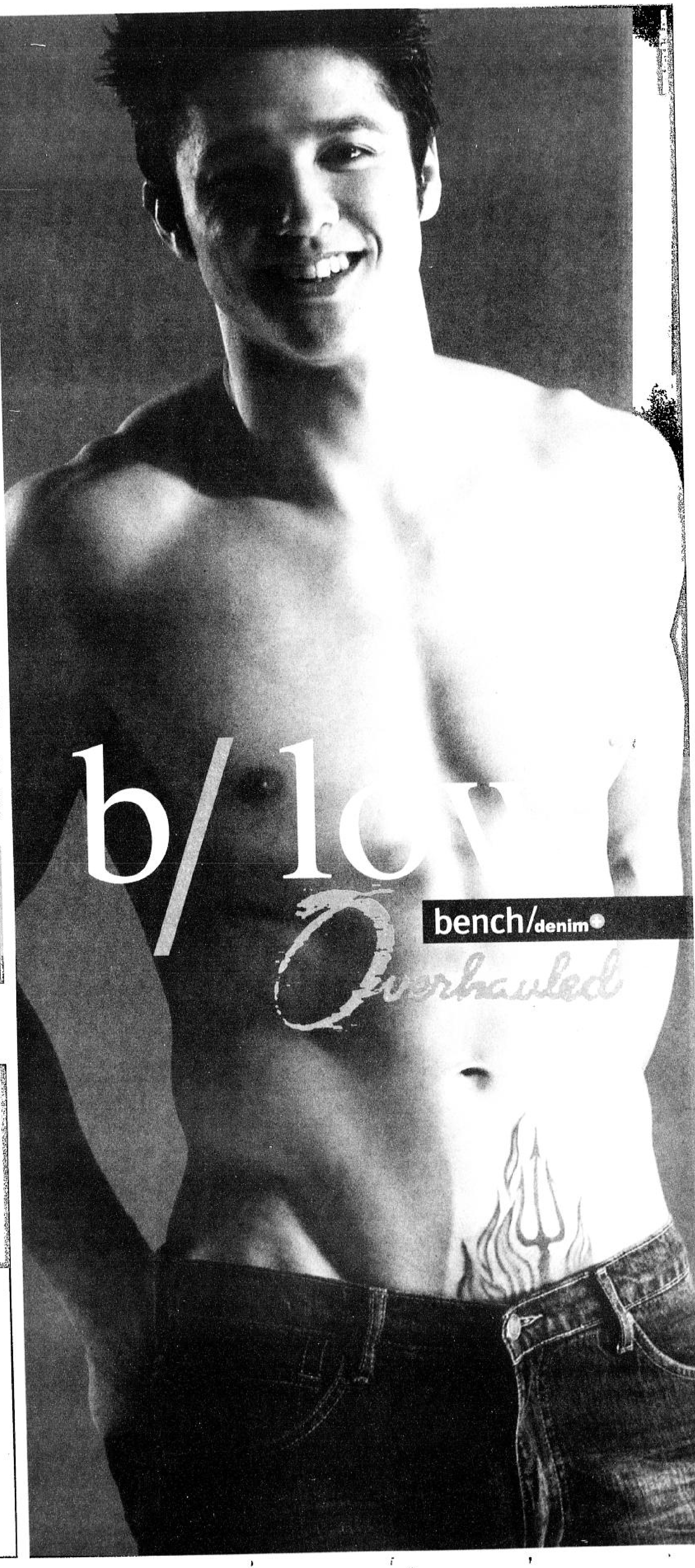
T-Kimura: I would have to pick artistic genius Monkey Punch's newest work, the Mankatsu series.

What is your message to the Filipino viewers of ANIMAX who get to hear your music from the series?

Motsu: You see, we don't really have the opportunity to go and visit your country but it'd be really nice if we can exchange with the fans and talk to them and find out what they think about our music.

Yuri: Same as what Motsu said—we would like to reach out to the international fans who appreciate our music.

T-Kimura: Our band would really like to see the Philippines soon!



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MOVE, the band behind the [illegible] Initial D: Fourth Stage

Action-packed anime at its stylized best

Text and photos by James Gabrillo
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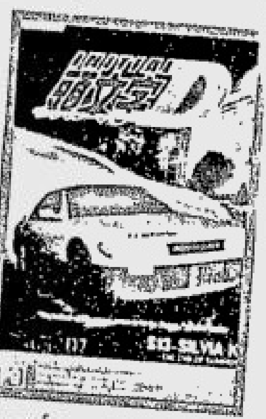
WELCOME to Japan—the Mecca of animation

A balance between realism and stylization is one of the major qualities of Initial D: Fourth Stage, the newest series that ANIMAX shall bring soon to the tubes of anime lovers around the country. The anime and manga focuses on the world of Japanese street car racing, where all the action is concentrated in the mountain passes—called toge—and never in cities nor urban areas, and the drift racing style is emphasized in particular. The manga is competently drawn by famous artist Shuichi Shigeno, who started publishing the manga in 1995, featured in the Japanese publication Kodansha's Young on a weekly basis.

Set in the late 1990s, the first installation of Initial D followed the adventures of Takumi Fujiwara, an 18-year-old lad who helps his father run a tofu shop by delivering every morning to a hotel over Mount Akina in Gunma Prefecture using his father's Toyota Sprinter Trueno GT-APEX. Driving through the mountain pass every morning to deliver tofu for five years developed Takumi's skills in drift technique driving and has transformed him to become a mighty force on the road that is not to be ignored.

The Fourth Stage



In Initial D: Fourth Stage, Takumi Fujiwara and brothers Keisuke and Ryousuke Takahashi have formed "Project D," a racing team aimed at bringing their driving skills to their full potential outside their prefecture. Using the internet, Project D issues challenges to other racing teams and posts results of their races. Managed by Ryousuke, the team has Takumi engaging in downhill battles with his AE86, while Keisuke challenges opponents uphill. Among their rivals are the Seven-Star Leaf (SSR) and Todo-juku. Joining in the fun is Takumi's father Bunta, who breaks out of retirement with his Subaru Impreza WRX Type R Version V.

Initial D is a definite delight for car enthusiasts and racing fans, as the exhilarating plot is both contagious and addicting. As real-life race car driver Matteo Guidicelli takes on the task to become the voice behind the tough and talented main character Takumi and popular TV and film actress Angel Locsin plays the role of skilled uphill driving ace Kyoko Iwase, it will be gratuitous to doubt whether the ANIMAX viewers will find themselves glued to the tubes looking out for the outcome of each race once the series premieres in the coming weeks.

Anime Music Festival

Recently, ANIMAX brought Super! to the ANIMAX Odaiba Festival in Tokyo, Japan to become a part of a live concert featuring the music behind the different popular anime series of the network like Mobile Suit Zeta Gundam, Inu-yasha, Psalms of Planets Eureka Seven, and of course, Initial D: Fourth Stage. The event was billed as one of the biggest musical events initiated by ANIMAX as admired musical performers and voice talents come together to entertain and bring joy to the young Japanese spectators.

Backstage, a crew of young teenage boys scrambled as they arranged the goodie bags for the fans, and as they set up the video screens, colorful vibrant lights, and a colossal disco ball in the audience area to assure that the festive mood will reign supreme throughout the concert. The various artists and performers were seen dashing in and out of their dressing rooms as they practiced on stage, selected their clothes for the night, got their makeup done, and did interviews with the local and international press from all over Asia. The busy scramble soon transformed itself into a loud and lively musical celebration supported by the thunderous cheers from an über bouncy audience as the upbeat sounds of all the musical artists filled the concert hall.

Armed with an adorable 19-year-old translator from the local British School, Super! sat down for small chats with some of the musical artists—Hiroko Moriguchi and Mami Ayukawa, the voices behind the theme songs of Mobile Suit Zeta Gundam, and Move, the band behind the energetic beats of Initial D: Fourth Stage—to talk about their tunes, inspiration, and dreams of one day visiting the Philippines.

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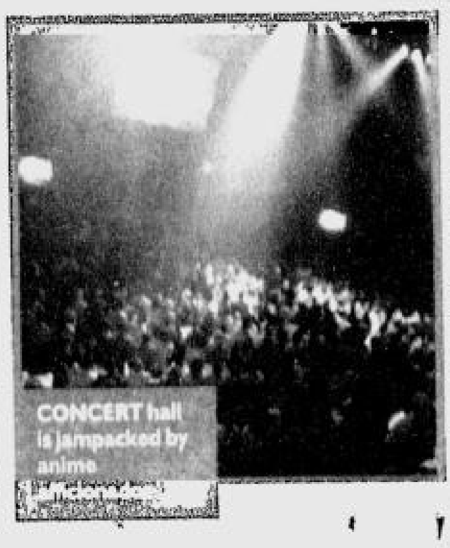

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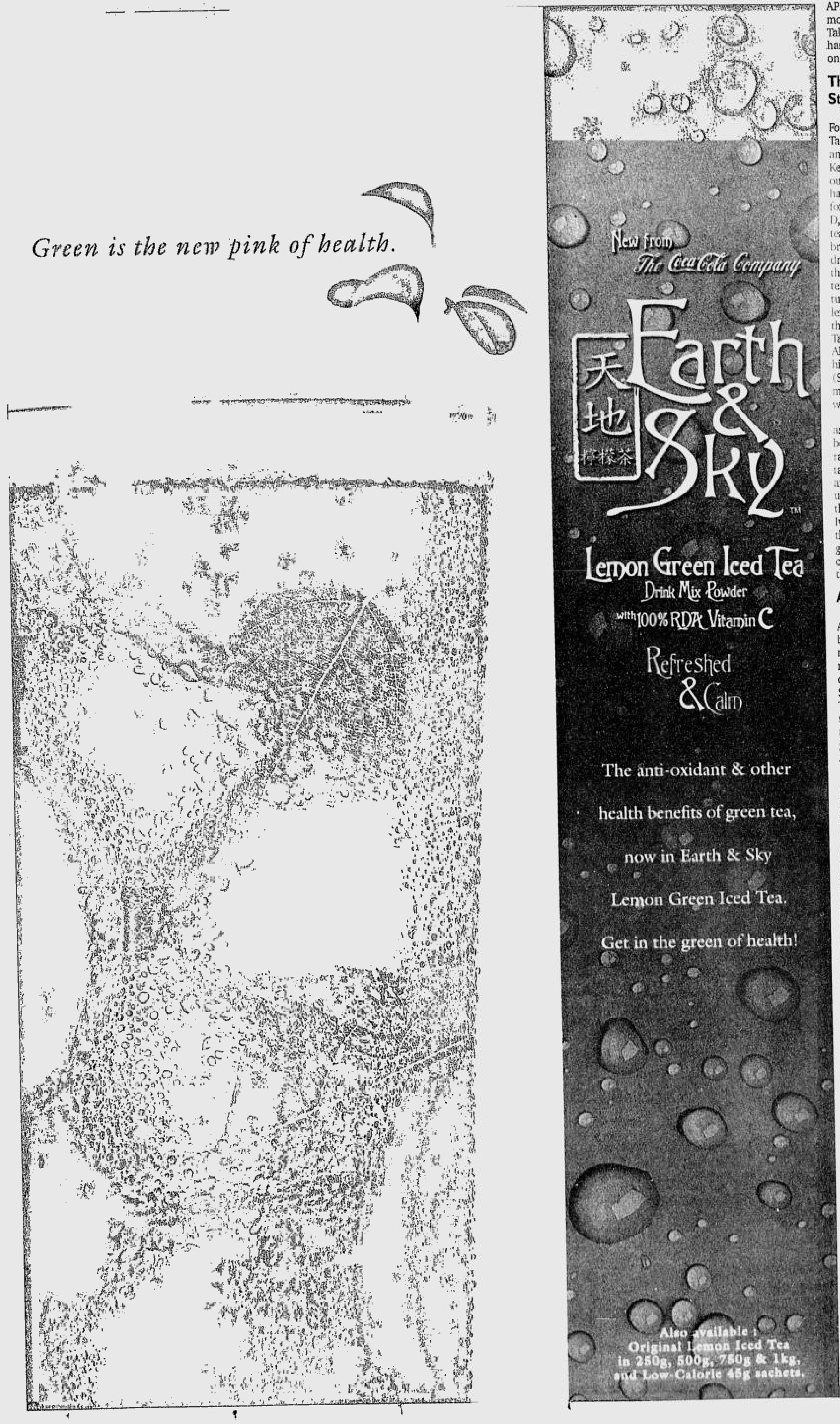

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Tongues in check

How can a state of intimacy develop and persist when one of the most effective tools of intimacy is handicapped?

Dear Man About Town,

I am married to a guy who doesn't speak the same language as I do. We communicate in one common language. However, visiting his family and relatives is a big problem for me. Even the thought of spending Saturday afternoon with his mom and dad is enough to give me a migraine. Although they are hospitable, good and kind to me (they give me new clothes, etc. when we visit them), language barrier is not a light problem. I find myself sitting in his family's living room chair, tracing the patterns of the sofa for hours while they are talking. Sometimes my husband translates for me, but still, it isn't enough. I am studying and so I don't have time to accommodate language studies this time. What can you advice me to do when we are in his family's house?

Man about town

Chuck Dy

THE FIRST girl I ever courted was half Chinese, her father being the real thing from the Middle Kingdom. While she spoke English and Tagalog with supreme mastery, I was never quite sure about her father. Every time I would call (and these were in the days before cell phones so one had to call through landlines shared by the entire household) and her father picked up, he would begin to answer my inquiries as to his daughter's whereabouts in… I'm not even sure what dialect of China he was using actually. For all I know it could have been total gibberish. To make a long story short, it never worked out between my girlfriend and I, partly because we were so young, and partly because we rarely spoke given that I would almost always put the phone down if her father answered (something I never admitted to her). Years later, she married a nice young man and I hear her father gave a great speech in perfect English.

While language barriers are difficult enough between acquaintances, the inconvenience is increased geometrically when it exists between what are supposed to be close relationships. It seems a paradox in itself: how can a state of intimacy develop and persist when one of the most effective tools of intimacy is handicapped? And while you and your partner appear to get by, communicating with the in-laws is a definite necessity; at least until you both get to know enough about each other to justify a future spent detesting one another.

There are three ways to address this situation:

One, leave it as it is. Forget trying to communicate with them and accept the comprehension barrier as the Berlin Wall of Language (or the Berlitz Wall), an inexplicable structure that exists between cultures. Convince yourself that, perhaps, it is better this way—that without the venue of communication, both parties can silently appreciate each other through the detachment of not really knowing each other. You'll never have to discover what a nag your mother-in-law can be, or what a sloth your father-in-law is. They'll never have to learn that you consider Paris Hilton's love life more important an issue than peace in the Gaza Strip.

Recall that actions do speak louder than words, and use this as both indication and indicator to determine how the nonverbal conversation is going without actually knowing what the topic is about. Smile when they smile. Nod solemnly when they seem upset. Join in the dancing when they get up and start hopping around, raising their hands in the air like they just don't care (unless this seemingly festive activity coincides with a live telecast of George Bush, in which case you should sit down, as it is probably a protest).

Two, have them learn your language. Sounds callous? It is, but given the correct approach, it could be perceived as an act of generosity. You're there to provide them a service by helping them enrich their lives by teaching them a foreign dialect. Always start with small words and phrases of a practical nature, such as "yes", "no" or "your cheap toilet paper scratches my ass". When they've gotten a basic grasp of the fundamentals, progress to

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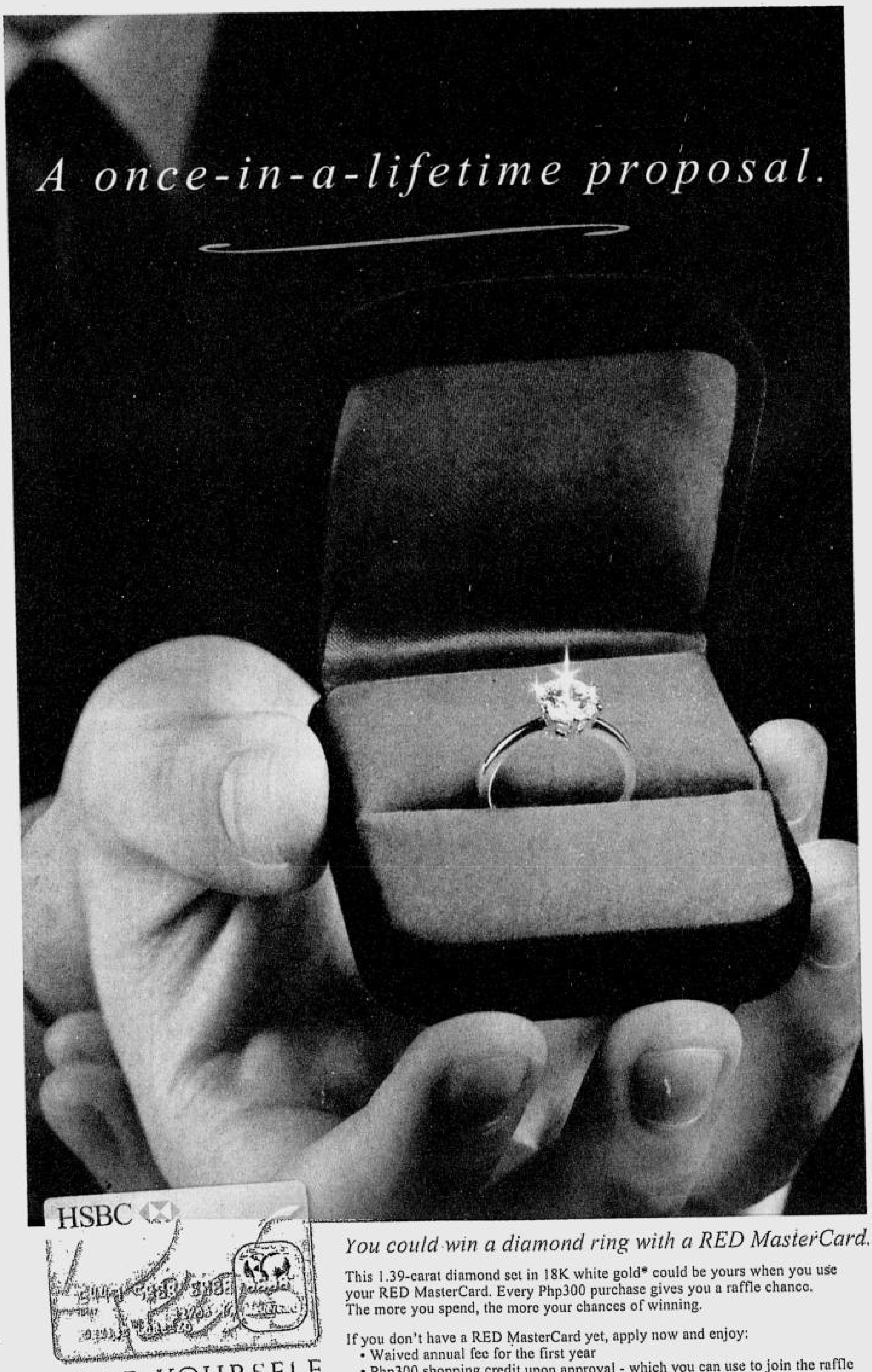

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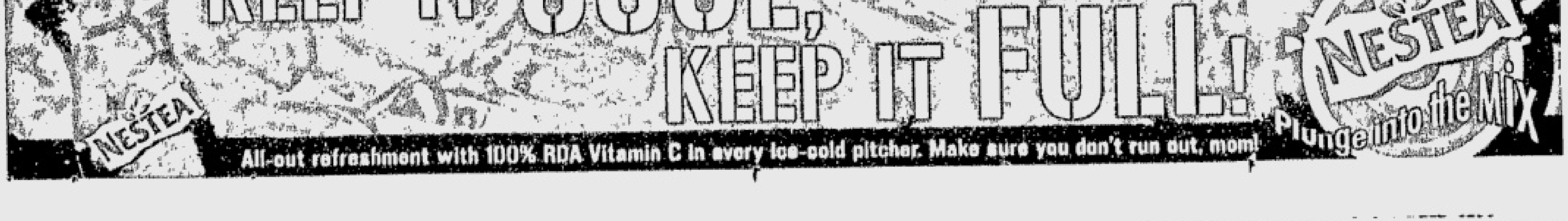

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Crossing over the future of home entertainment

nexTV
Until Aug. 14 Lower Level Ayala Center

Swift technological advancement has been catching up with people from all walks of life. Although reception in most markets is slow, manufacturers are not hindered in developing new products to meet the changing needs of the buying public.

In the midst of all these is the desire to give the consumers the opportunity to own one of these breakthroughs. Reason for appliance store Automatic Centre to mount various exhibits in different malls in Metro Manila.

The latest exhibit of flat TVs from projection, plasma, LCD, and DLP called "NexTV" showcases the best brands in home entertainment. The exhibit is ongoing at the Lower Level Ayala Center until Aug. 14.

Automatic Centre's Geoffrey Lim notes that after a brief break from being the center of family's home entertainment with the growing popularity of the Internet, television is beginning to make a dramatic comeback with these picture-quality and widescreen flat TVs.

The new emerging lifestyle especially for the urban dwellers prompts them to move to smaller places like condominiums or apartment buildings. The slim design of flat TVs is perfect for this limited space.

Soon, consumers in the Philippines will enjoy the power of digital broadcasting, which is becoming popular in other countries, as well as surfing the Net on a 45-inch plasma TV. For now, owning a TV with USB cable or a multimedia card or memory stick slot is beginning to be a necessity for the technology conscious Filipinos. The memory stick from the video camera, digital camera or even a mobile phone can be inserted to that built-in slot on the TV set, and in an instant one can enjoy the images in full color.

Participating brands include Pioneer, Hitachi, Sony, JVC, Philips, Toshiba, Sharp, Samsung, Panasonic, LG, and Syntax. Other cool gadgets like the conventional and digital video cameras, digital cameras, portable DVDs, and MP3 players, are available from brands like Canon, Audiovox, Nextbase, i-Pod, and i-River.

"It really boils down to convergence," Lim said of the inclusion of the hip gadgets in the exhibit.

Partners

Sharp is one of the brands that have consistently supported these exhibits of Automatic Centre. Lim said the strong relationship of Sharp and Automatic traces back to his grandfather or just when the appliance store began.

Sharp is more known locally of its affordable appliances essential to daily lives. But in recent years it has stamped its No. 1 position in the LCD panel TVs worldwide.

Peter Villanueva, manager of the product marketing department of Sharp (Phils) Corp. said, "Sharp has cornered 40 percent of the world's market share on LCD TVs." He noted that the trend nowadays is "not just about going flat but going LCD."

Although there is still a market for CRT or conventional TVs, the popularity of flat TVs has already arrived in the consciousness of Filipinos. Sharp maintains several plants in Japan to meet the demands of LCD panel TVs.

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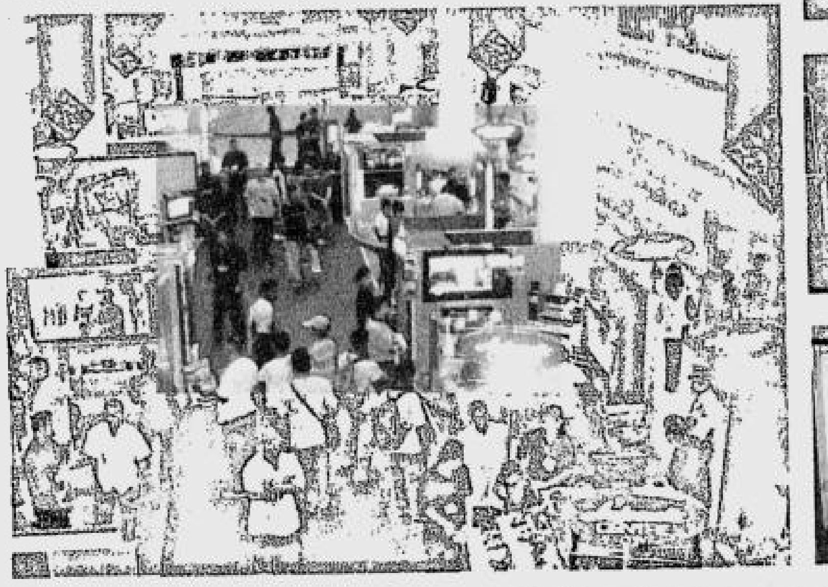

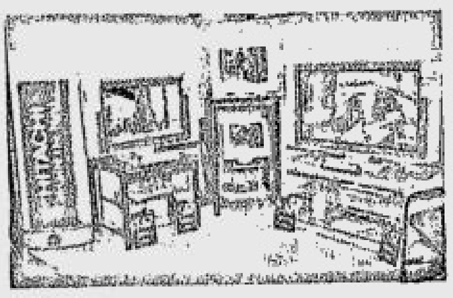

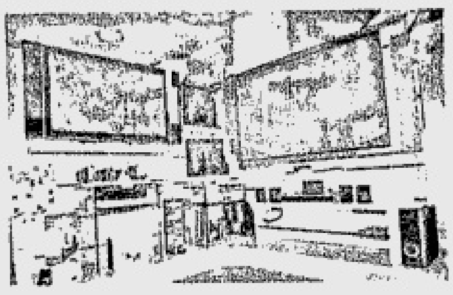

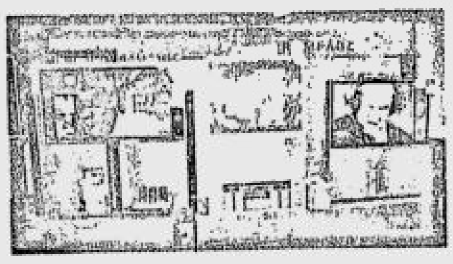

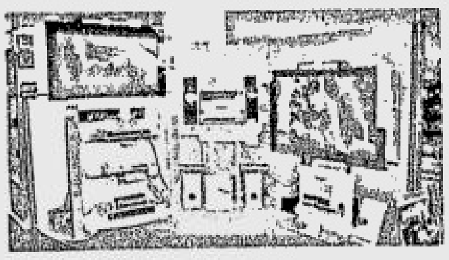

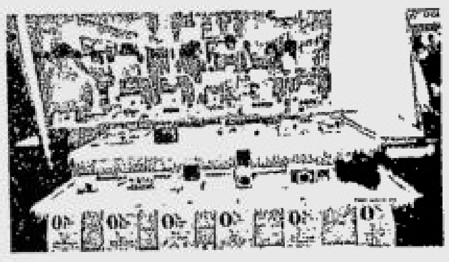

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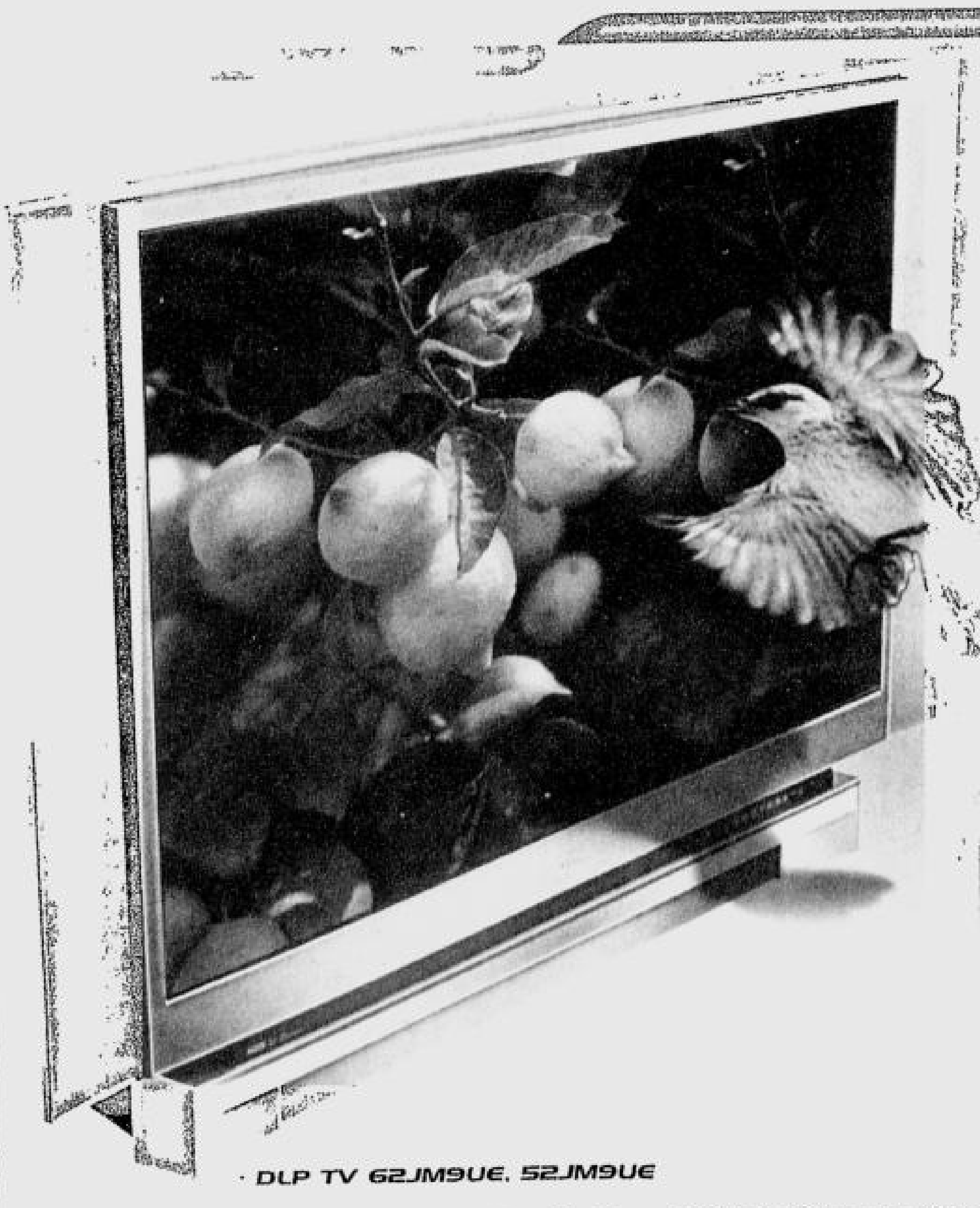

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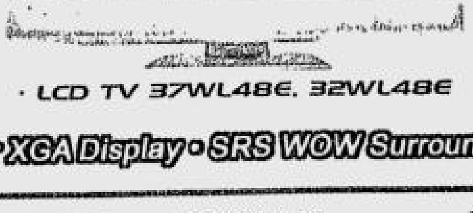

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From pago E2

Proof of its aggressive position in the market, Sharp is coming up with its biggest LCD TV so far.

"The 65-inch LCD panel TV is cominG to town in three months time," Villanueva said.

Sharp is especially proud of its Aquos flat panel that it promotes as "TV of high-definition viewing with life-like quality." Aquos account for at least one-third of all flat-panel TVs in the world.

Villanueva said Sharp has been very active in sponsorships. "The exposure enables consumers to experience high-quality, high-definition TV viewing," he added. "We have to get the message across to the consumers."

For the NexTV exhibit, Sharp is giving out a free video camera for a purchase of a select model of flat-panel TV.

Toshiba, on the other hand, has recently reintroduced its brand in the country. And to make its campaign even stronger, Toshiba is coming up with a 72-inch DLP.

Toshiba is focusing on the high-end market, which is also one of the major customer base of Automatic. When it reintroduced its brand in the country, Automatic was the first to carry its products.

"We believe in Toshiba's top products and the technology behind it," said Lim. "We acknowledge that they offer great value to consumers in its very unique market."

Toshiba's DLP TV boasts of its picture quality and picture clarity.

"Toshiba always innovates and will continue to provide the best quality and best picture in big screen not only for the consumer to enjoy but also for them to experience a different kind of entertainment," said executive vice president Michael T. Y. Kei.

For the exhibit, Toshiba is giving a free home entertainment package for a purchase of select models of TVs.

NexTV also offers zero-percent interest for select brands using major credit cards. And for those who can pay in cash, there's a good deal that wait for you at the stores.

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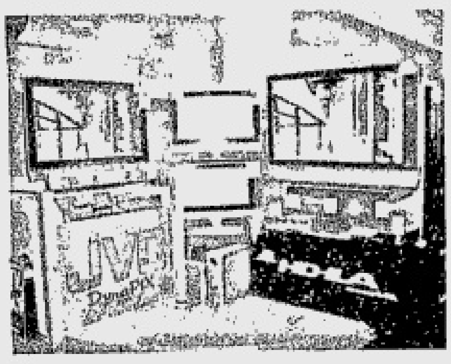

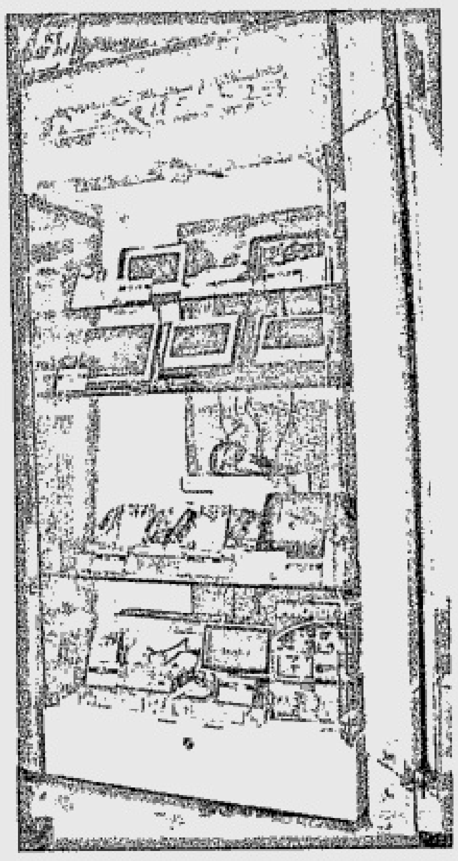

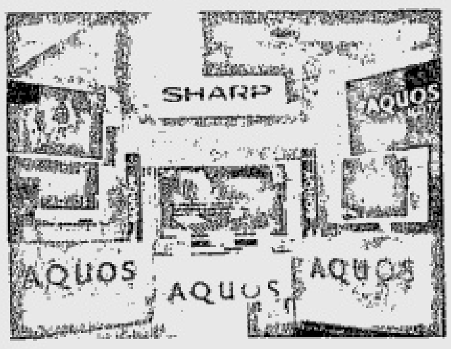

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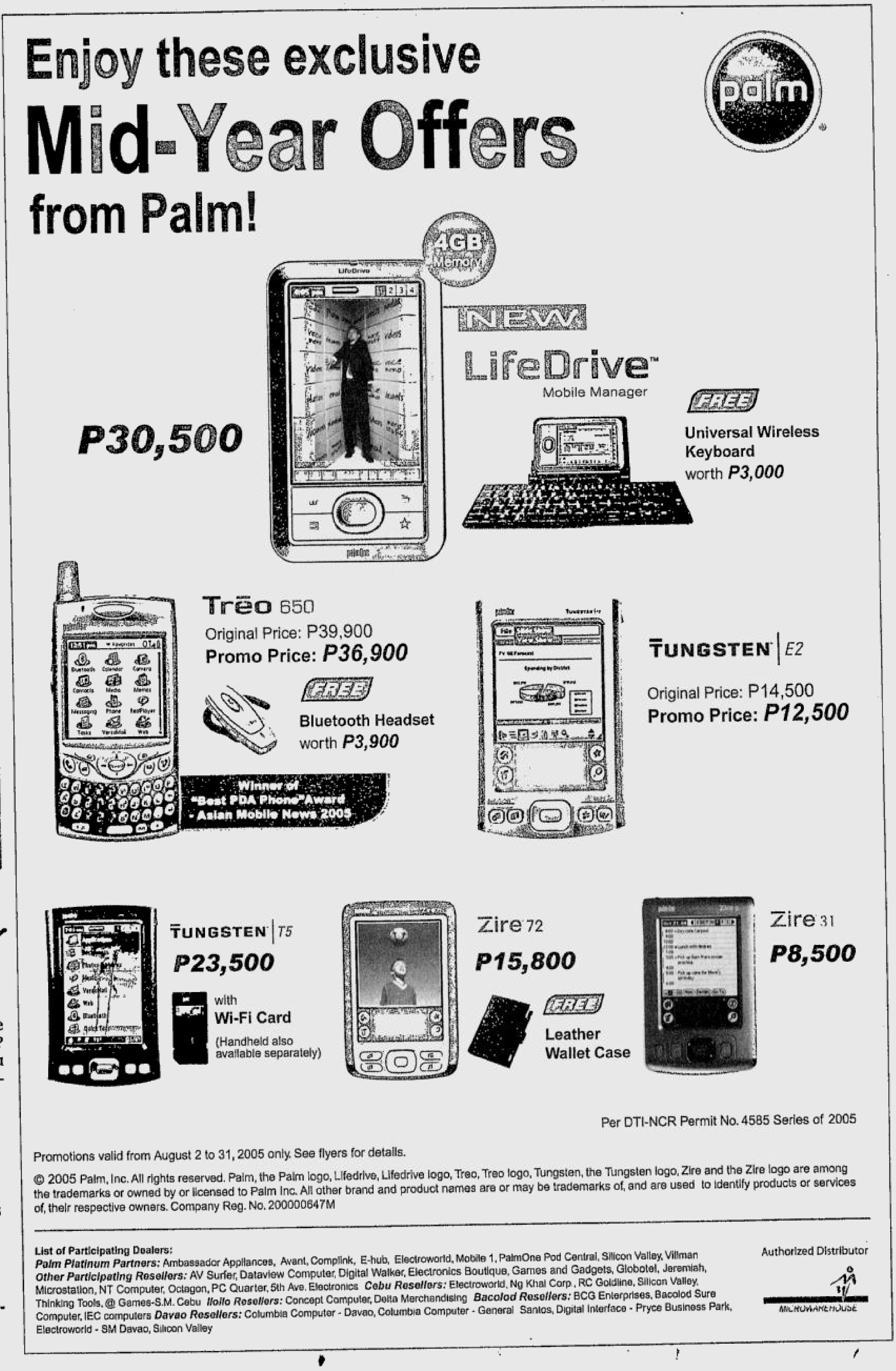

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24/7 SUPER! EVENT GUIDE

August escapades

By Paolo R. Reyes and Janine Cuenca-Dario

Looking for something new? Three new weekly events open this month at Mezze and M Café, both at Greenbelt this week. People's Palace, the Thai restaurant at Malate has succumbed to the call of Makati [G/F, Greenbelt 3, Phone 729-2888]. Colin McKay confesses that his patrons are divided on their decision to move. Makati-philes welcome his culinary expertise while others are saddened by his departure from the bohemian Malate district.

National Anthems @ Mezze, 10 tonight

The city's newest hotspot, Mezze [G/F Greenbelt 2, Ayala Center, Makati, phone: 728-8895], invites Manila's insatiable partygoers to its latest weekend gig, with NBK DJs playing the immortal house classics of the 90s. 10 p.m. onwards every Saturday.

Katakana & DJ Steve Bamford @ Embassy, 10 tonight

Saturday nights belong to Embassy Club [The Fort, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, phone: 816-4195]. Tonight, catch "Unity" featuring UK DJs Steve Bamford (resident DJ of Shanghai's Park 97) and Katakana (a.k.a. DJ Jools of Silicon and Moscow's Club XIII fame) on the decks spinning progressive house and breakbeat tunes.

Once on This Island, Aug. 6, 7, 12

Actor's Actors Inc. restages the award-winning Broadway musical, "Once on This Island". It is headlined by a powercast including Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo, Bituin Escalante and Jett Pangan. 8 p.m. at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza, Ayala Ave., Makati. Call 891-9999 or 536-5844.

R'Meo Luvs Dew-Lhiett, Aug. 6-28

Tanghalang Pilipino stages a modern adaptation of William Shakespeare's immortal love story. Set in the slums of Barangay Verona, where the "jologs" culture thrives, the production takes a fresh look on the tragic romance, with sonnets peppered with brazen street jargon and cryptic swardspeak. 8 p.m. at the CCP Little Theater. Call 891-9999 or 832-3704.

All Souled Out @ Mezze, Aug. 11

Every Thursday beginning this August, enjoy soul and R & B classics played by guest DJ's. Starts at 9 p.m.

SHAKESPEARE with a twist. The cast of Tanghalang Pilipino's version of Romeo and Juliet

MyHOUSE @ M Café, Aug. 12

Starting this month, M Café [Ayala Museum, Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, Makati, phone: 757-3000] becomes MyHOUSE every Friday night at 10 p.m. Featuring the deep house grooves of DJs Ellan Habayeb and Mark Jentes.

Other 24/7 Super! events:

August 6, Saturday

BP's Men and Women at CCP; Daydream Cycle, Bagetsafonik, Salindiwa, and Itchyworms at Saguijo; Soundsgood DJs at Embassy Cuisine; Lush with Patch & Paolo Abaya at Absinth

August 7, Sunday

Ballet Philippines' Men and Women, CCP; Maxime Acker exhibit at Lumiere Gallery; CouchLab DJs at Tiananmen Bar

August 8, Monday

Soul Seduction with Kate Torralba at Absinth; I Don't Like Mondays! with DJ Ro at Gwellos Makati

Aug. 9, Tuesday

Drip & Nyko Maca at '70s Bistro; Italian Film Festival's Respiro at CCP Dream Theater; Willy Wanakah's Music Factory with Joffy Cruz at Gwellos Makati; Scratchmark at Halo

Aug. 10, Wednesday

Superklasse with Johnyverse & Mars Miranda at Embassy Club; Bellini Night with Karl Ty & Cao Ocampo at Embassy Cuisine; Come As You Are: 90s Music at Absinth; Aiza Seguerra at '70s Bistro; Wednesday Jazz Festival at Merk's

Aug. 11, Thursday

Copper Pop Thrill, Soap Dish, and Stonefree at Saguijo; German Silent Film Festival at SM Megamall Cinema 6; Anniversary Party at V Bar; Noel Cabangon at '70s Bistro; Phuture Thursdays at Bed; Chocolate Milk at Government; CouchLab DJs at Tiananmen Bar

Aug. 12, Friday

Pinikpikan, Triggerbliss, and Makopa at Saguijo; Mishka Adams at Gateway Mall; The Jerks at '70s Bistro; Twisted Pair & Freeverse at Suburbia; HouSassions with Manolet Dario and NBK DJs at Mezze; Musik at Embassy Club; Fierce Fridays at Government; Friday Night Flava at Dish; Replay & Ntwine at Conway's; Acoustic Jive at Quisine; Kuh Ledesma at Captain's Bar

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more intermediate topics like meals, destinations, weather, politics and the demise of pure Jazz. Ask your partner to join in, insisting that he speak English to his own parents, forcing them to learn the language with more urgency, simultaneously introducing them to the state of alienation inevitably experienced by parents whose kids go off and marry. With dedication and diligence, in a few short months, your in-laws may speak the language just as proficiently as you do—which would be a comic irony if your English was terrible to begin with.

Three, learn their language. The most noble and endearing option, of course, requires that you invest time and effort by engaging your new family on territory familiar to them. Even if your aptitude for new languages is next to zero, it creates the impression that you care, that you're in for the long haul, and that perhaps their son's choice to marry a foreigner was not so foolish after all. Just don't make the mistake of practicing words such as "alimony", "voluntary vasectomy" or "nursing home" while over the dinner table.

It is worth remembering that language is the most obvious method of communication, but not the only one. Language for its part, has often proven faulty, and just because two people share the same vocabulary does not necessarily mean they understand each other or get along any better. After all, most Filipinos speak a common tongue and it is hardly debatable that we are still a nation of rift and division in many aspects.

There is a hearty lesson in the Old Testament story of the Almighty shredding the fabric of society into many different languages as they attempted to build the Tower of Babel, an edifice designed to reach Heaven. My catechism teacher solemnly instructed our class that the Tower of Babel was a metaphor for Pride [although years later in college, a frenzied lesbian Professor assured us that it was a phallic symbol meant to emphasize the rampant sexist overtones of a male-dominated world] and that God would punish Pride by fracturing mankind. But I like to think of the Babel story as an invitation to reach greater heights, not in spite of our differences, but by utilizing these disparate qualities.

Language is only important if it achieves communication, which in turn is only effective if it results in understanding. Keeping that in mind, remember that if your new family understands you well enough, regardless of grammar or pronunciation, then you are already in a much better state than the people who waste their common dialect on insults, invectives, and petty squabbles. The fact is, in the long run of relationships, family or friends who aren't speaking to each other during gatherings, rarely has anything to do with common languages.

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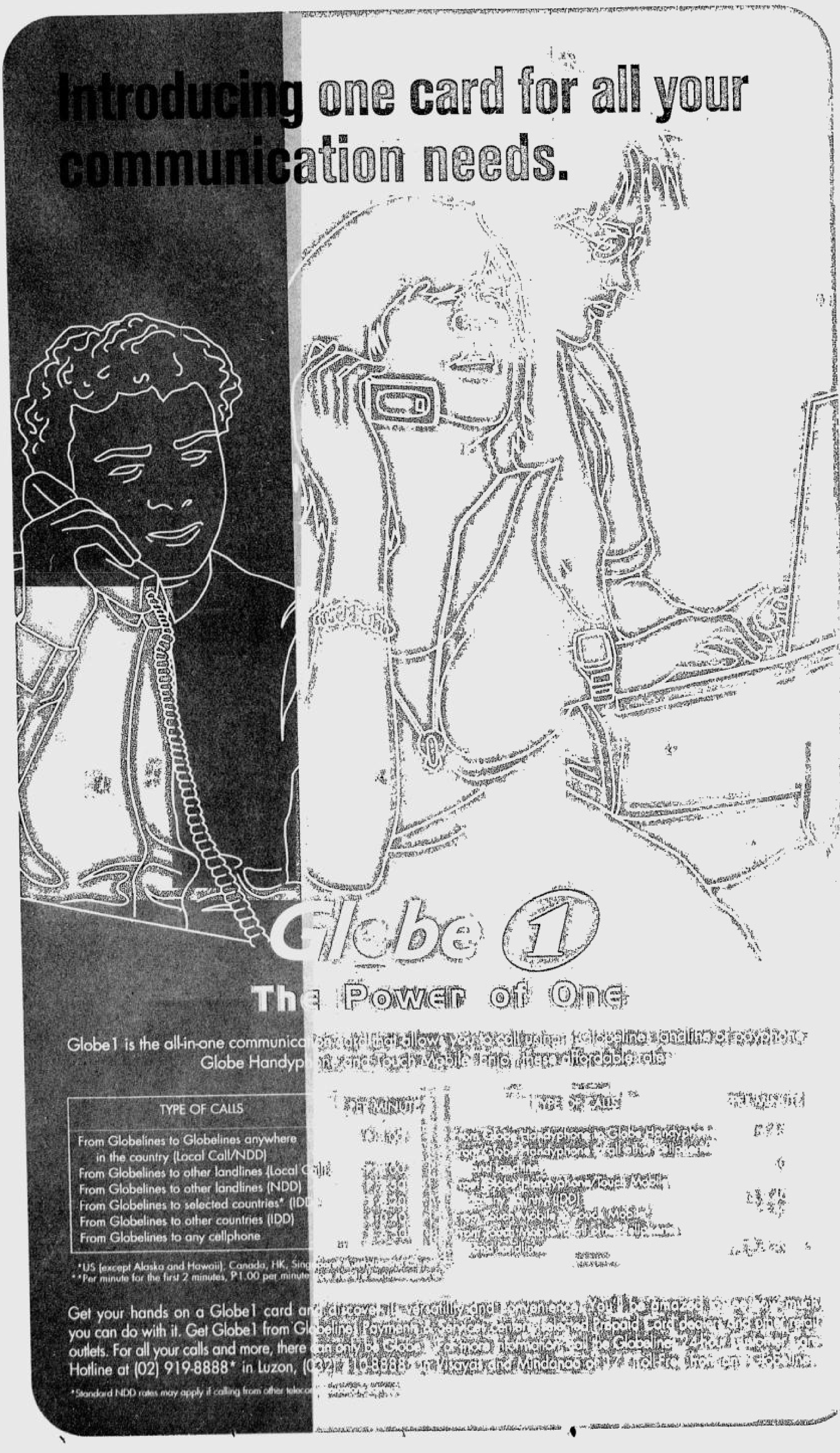

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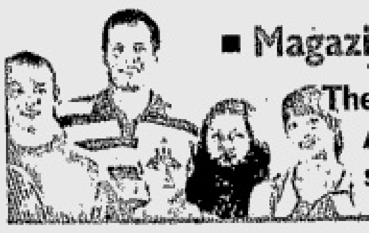

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How to stop 'jueteng:' Hagedorn reveals secret

SIMPLE LANG YAN... JUST DON'T!

By Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's new anti-jueteng adviser has come up with a simple but brilliant solution to stop the illegal numbers game: Mayors should close their

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GMA gets the 'blues' after dinner for South Koreans

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

I--AM--SORRY --PART2!

IT WAS not a lapse in judgment but some might call it a lapse in diplomacy.

On Friday night, at a formal dinner for a top-level South Korean delegation

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Zuce draws new fire

Ex-Palace aide denies memo on delivering 'electoral pleasure'

By Dona Pazzibugan and Norman Bordadora

ESCORTED by a phalanx of police officers, former Malacañang executive Datu Ahmad Bayam yesterday tried to shoot down the testimony of presidential whistle-blower Michaelangelo Zuce.

"His statements are all completely false and designed by him to bring down the present administration and to ruin the reputations and the lives of persons who have voluntarily served their country," he said.

Bayam, who was assistant secretary in the office of former presidential liaison officer for political affairs Jose Ma. Rufino, also denied he had endorsed to Malacañang the appointment of the controversial Virgilio Garcillano as an election commissioner.

That endorsement memo, dated Oct. 11, 2002 and under Bayan's name, said in part: "Since the 1992 elections, [Regional] Director Garcillano has been extensively serving and protecting the interest of Lakas-NUCD-UMPD [party], particularly in Mindanao and delivered every electoral pleasure of the administration."

Bayam was escorted to the press conference by plainclothes policemen led by Senior Supt. Asher Dolina, chief of the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group for the National Capital Region.

Although he arrived at the Richmonde Hotel in Pasig City with them, Bayam

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Welcome to Manila

WHAT'S BEHIND THIS PICTURE?
A picturesque, rain-swept tropical landscape contrasting with a huge billboard along the Baywalk advertising our sun n' fun city's alluring attractions makes a case for Manila, no matter if under the weather on Saturday, as a tourist destination area devoutly to be wished for. But wait till you look behind the scene. Please turn to Page A6. REM ZAMORA

Fireflies as hope, other gems according to Roco

By Michael Lim Ubac

EVEN in his lowest moments, the late Raul Roco could find it in himself to joke about his candidacy for president.

In April last year, some members of the media pack covering the campaign of his Alyansa ng Pag-Asa (Alliance of Hope) stayed with him at his rest house on Panglao Island in Bohol for a Lenten break.

Roco was then already weighing the prospects of his candidacy in light of a "chronic low back pain" that had been plaguing him for the past two weeks. But we were unaware of his anguish.

On Maundy Thursday, bored by Panglao's blue sky and white sand, three of us decided to check out the nearby Balicasag island-resort.

We made the necessary arrangements and sought Roco's permission to go.

He dissuaded us, saying that everything we expected to see there could be found in Panglao.

But noting that we were bent on going, he told us: "Do not do there what I will do."

"Like what, sir?" we asked.

"Run for president," he said.

We all laughed.

We had a chance to talk last June 26 at his home in La Vista, Quezon City.

Roco lay in bed in his signature floral clothes. He could no longer stand on his feet, but was at his witty, insightful best.

He asked me about the state of the country, and I said nothing had changed.

"When will this country wake up?" he said.

Noting that he was close to tears, I hurriedly changed the subject. I pointed to the flowers that adorned the corners of his library, which had been turned into his quarters.

"They look so real," I said in jest.

"Oh, they're real," he said, adding that fake flowers looked real while the real ones looked fake.

We shared a chuckle.

During that lull in the campaign in Panglao, I had the chance to study up close this man now hailed as a patriot, freedom fighter, brilliant lawyer and exemplary lawmaker.

But Roco was not his usual self at the time.

For one thing, the presidential candidate seemed like any other beach bum, dressed in loose shirt and shorts. He even went snorkeling.

For another, he was always in deep thought, which was broken only by the

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Party-list votes in ARMM puzzled even Garci

By Jerry E. Esplanada

(Second of three parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

SOMETHING "fishy" happened in Basilan during the May 2004 elections, according to former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. He was interviewed by the INQUIRER before he figured in the "hello Garci" mess.

In that island-province, those who actually voted exceeded the number of registered voters, he said.

"How can that be?" the controversial lawyer wondered aloud.

Party-list bets tallied 200,497 votes in Basilan, nearly 50,000 more than the province's actual number of registered voters.

Garcillano noted that Basilan's very own party-list candidate "got much less votes than party-list bets who are not from the place."

Provinces in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, like Basilan, were among areas in the country which registered what Comelec insiders described as "scandalously high" voter turnouts for

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HOTSPOTS. ARMM provinces where votes cast in the 2004 elections far outnumbered the registered voters are "perennial problems" of the Comelec. An employee of the poll body in Sultan Kudarat, Kurais Dali, checks out the book of voters. LYN RILLON

4 students prove youth is not wasted on the young

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE YOUTH is wasted on the young, or so said Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw.

But then Shaw had not met Alfredo Gersava Jr., Hazfle Taborada, Adrian Protacio and RJ Palinge of Sultan Kudarat Polytechnic State College.

Barely out of their teens, these civil engineering students are engaged in helping the Manobo, Tiduray, B'laan, T'boli and Christian communities of Sultan Kudarat rise above their impoverished lives.

For this mission, they take 8-to-10-hour rides across mountain trails, hanging bridges and streams twice or thrice a month.

The four are active members of the Students in Free Enterprise (Sife), a nonprofit organization that encourages university students worldwide to teach residents of remote communities entrepreneurship, market economics, financial literacy and marketing skills.

And their work over the past year has been adjudged the best among the projects of 300 Sife teams working all over the country, earning them tickets to represent the Philippines at the Sife Olympics in Toronto, Canada, and to take part in the Financial Literacy Forum, also in Toronto, of HSBC.

In the town of Kalamansig, the four students applied what they had learned in school and taught the community to use rice hull ash in making concrete hollow blocks.

Rice hull ash, a waste product of rice milling, is usually burned or thrown away, thus harming the environment.

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Laoag	Cloudy with Rains	Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains
Clark Zone	Occasional Rains	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Occasional Rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
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GMA visits dengue 'ground zero'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Jerome Aning

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday motored to Sitio San Roque in Barangay Pag-asa, Quezon City, to condole with families who lost children to dengue.

The President spent 45 minutes in the area where at least 8 children succumbed to the mosquito-borne disease last week.

She attended a roadside funeral of one of the victims spending roughly 15 minutes comforting the parents, Eduardo and Gina, of 3-year-old Therence Lean "Kharen" Refugio, the latest to die from dengue in Quezon City.

Barangay Pagasa is considered dengue "ground zero" in Quezon City with 44 cases and 11 deaths reported so far this year.

Aside from Pag-asa, other QC barangays with reported dengue cases include Batasan Hills, 19 cases; Old Balara, 17, and Baesa, Payatas and Tandang Sora with 10 each.

The President on Friday ordered the Department of Health to coordinate closely with local government units to stop the spread of dengue which has claimed 143 fatalities nationwide so far this year.

The President was accompanied by Health Secretary Francisco Duque III who briefed her on the preventive measures and information drive being undertaken by QC health officials such as fumigation and getting rid of breeding sites and other vector-control measures.

Duque said the 9 percent increase in dengue cases nationwide this year (to 10,977 in the first 7 months from 10,117 a year ago) "was not yet of epidemic proportion."

"But we clearly need the action of all communities to destroy all mosquitoes carrying dengue," said Duque, who encouraged the public to practice the "4 o'clock habit" of cleaning their surroundings at that time of day when the mosquito is most active.

He said the DOH was closely coordinating with local government officials to stop the spread of the disease.

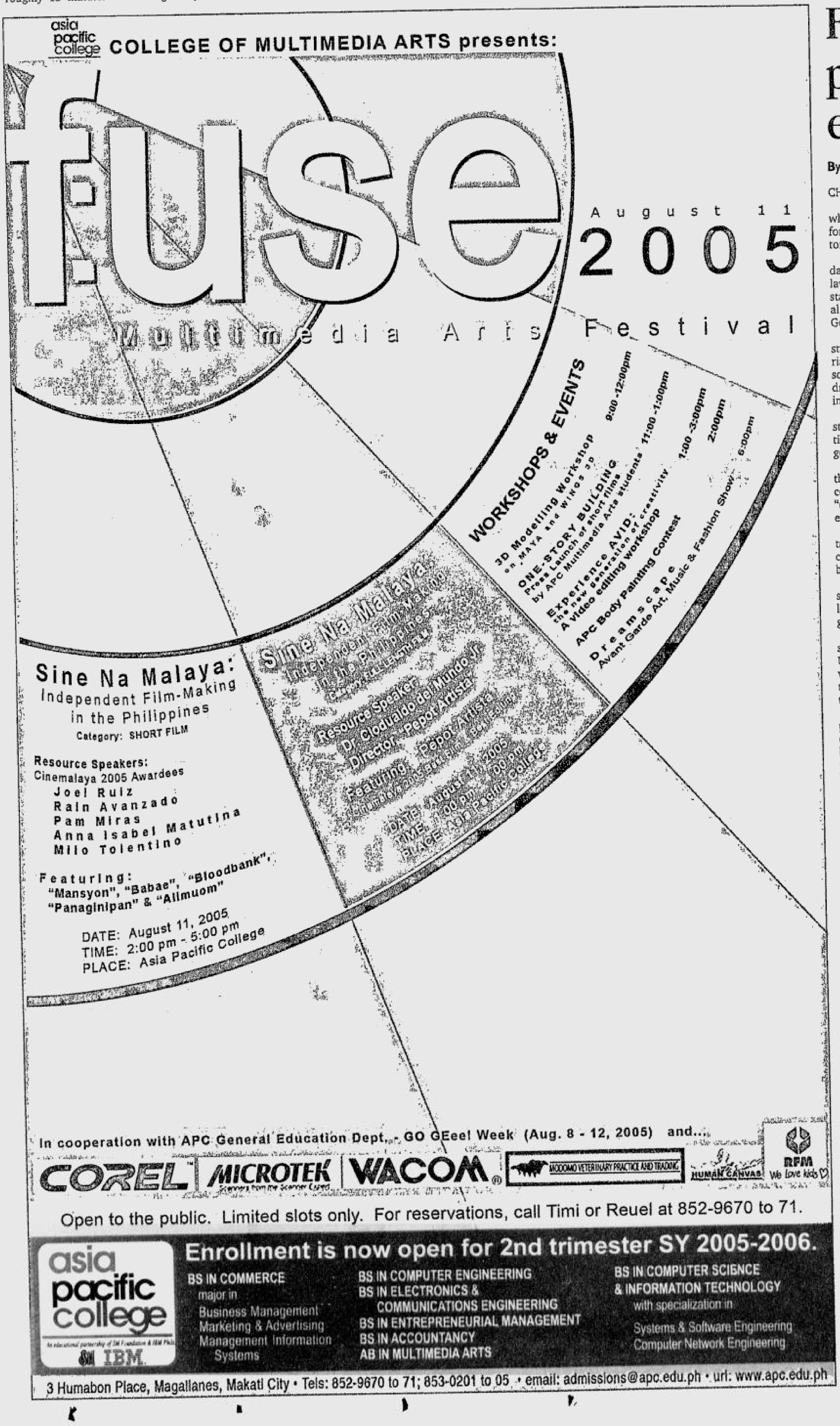
"The DOH is intensifying its information drive on the importance of draining stagnant waters which mosquitoes need to breed, keeping surroundings clean and detecting the early signs of dengue," Duque said.

When cleaning, the breeding places of mosquitoes such as stagnant and stored water including those in tin cans, bottles and old tires, should be eradicated.

Duque added the early detection of dengue symptoms such as high fever, rashes, severe headache, nausea, vomiting, appetite loss, eye, muscle and joint pains would prevent deaths.

Dengue is caused by day-biting mosquitoes, particularly the *aedis aegypti* type, and is common in tropical countries with cases of the disease usually rising during the rainy season.

The fatal dengue hemorrhagic fever, an acute infectious viral disease, affects infants and young children.



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Federalism pros, cons explained

By Volt Contreras

CHARTER change proponents, listen up.

There are basic "pros and cons" to weigh when a country considers adopting a federal form of government, according to a Washington-based professor.

Federalism allows a country to "accommodate the diversity of its people" by passing laws and adopting policies that differ from state to state along religious, ethnic or cultural lines, according to Dr. Eric Langenbacker of Georgetown University.

In the United States, for example, he said, states can have different laws on gay marriage, the death penalty, education and other social issues. Langenbacker recently addressed Asian journalists on a visit to Washington, D.C.

A potential drawback, however, is that states can set different tax rates or tax incentives to lure investors to their territories, Langenbacker said.

This could lead to what he called a "race to the bottom," where a country's total revenue collection could drop as its individual states "compete" with each other to lower their taxes.

"Market forces start dictating independent tax decisions. Companies will consider relocating to states with lower taxes or bigger tax breaks," Langenbacker said.

Another advantage of federalism is that states could "experiment" with policies at the local level until "successful ones emerge and get adopted" on a national scale, he said.

California, for instance, has set the highest standards for vehicle emission levels in the US, compelling car companies to produce environment-friendly models whose come-on is that "they meet California standards" even though they are sold outside the state.

A decentralized government is also supposed to deliver public services more efficiently, said Langenbacher, since "when you bring the decision-making process closer to the people, the easier [it is for] their needs [to be] accommodated."

No quarter for tax cheats

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice has vowed to prosecute 29 tax evaders under the government's Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) program even after they shall have settled their tax obligations to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

This was announced by Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño in the light of a proposal by new BIR Commissioner Jose Mario C. Buñag to drop the no-compromise policy of the BIR and allow suspected tax evaders to settle their tax obligation to escape criminal prosecution.

"As long as the tax cases are with the BIR, they are at the discretion of the BIR; the moment they are filed with us (the DOJ), then we start the preliminary investigation. If we find probable cause, we will file the cases before the Board of Tax Appeals. We will proceed with the prosecution of tax cases," Zuño said.

But he said that they would need the full cooperation of BIR tax examiners and their witnesses to strengthen the 29 RATE cases and to affirm the facts of the complaints.

"With respect to the possible payment by the accused of the taxes due the government, as long as the BIR, the witnesses and the examiners will appear with the prosecution, we will continue the prosecution before the court of tax appeals," said Zuño.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzales and Zuño earlier blamed the delay in filing the RATE cases before the Board of Tax Appeals on the alleged haphazard filing of the complaints and on the failure of BIR examiners and witnesses to appear during the preliminary hearings on the cases.

Zuño said they may start filing the complaints before the tax appeals board this week.

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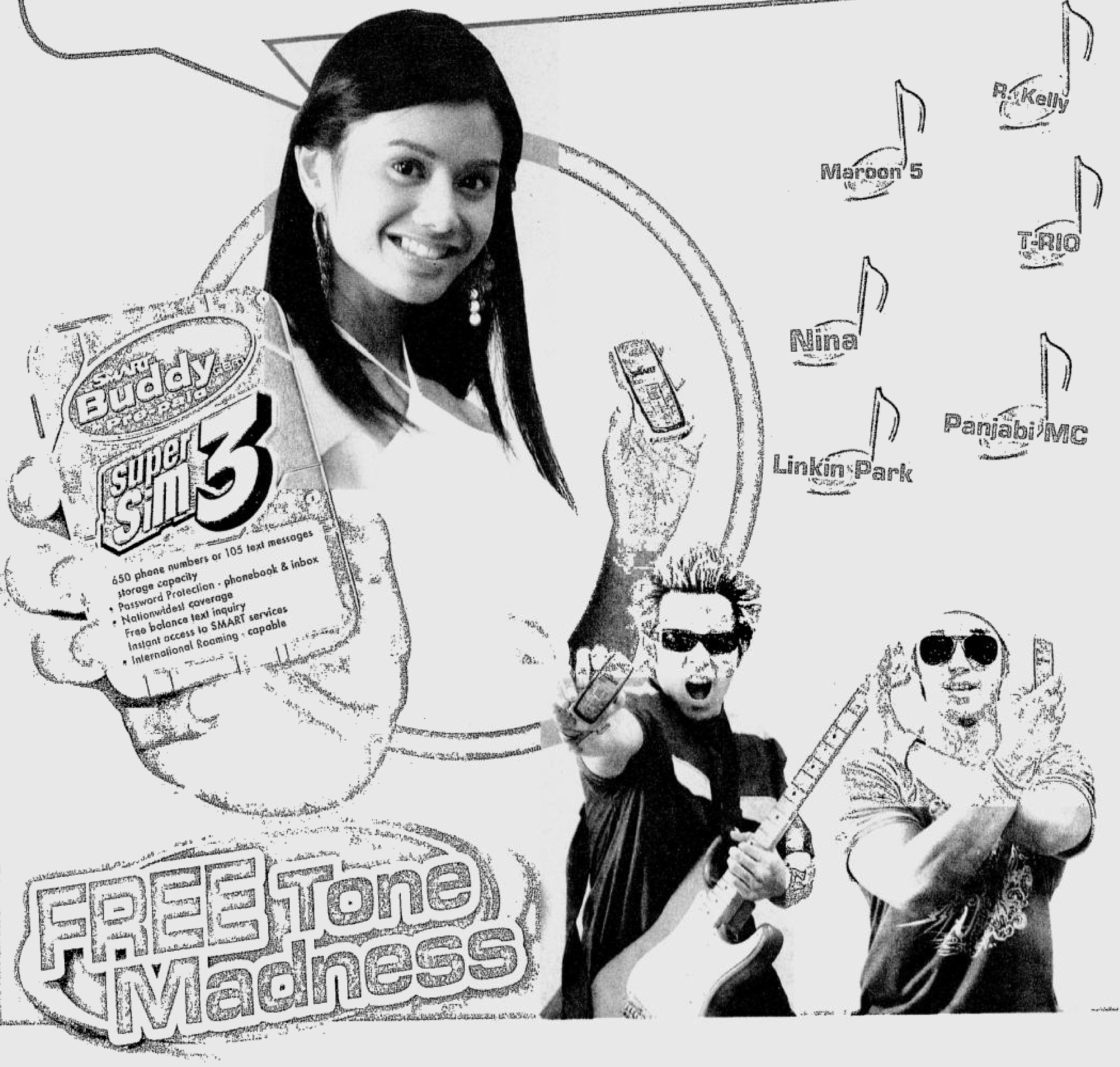
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4 students prove youth is not wasted on the young

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With the new technology of using rice hull ash as a cement extender, the community not only solved the problem of waste management but also cut the cost of construction materials.

The two-week training session started in February.

The trainees have since been contracted by the Gawad Kalinga Foundation to mass-produce the hollow blocks for use in its housing projects.

"The people in the community are now enjoying a significant increase in their income by producing and marketing their own blocks," team leader Gersava proudly said.

Fattening crabs

A similar boost in income was seen in Lebak, which takes a ride of about 30 minutes from Tacurong on rough roads.

Here the intrepid team taught the coastal community to fatten mud crabs *(alimango)* and market these to supplement its income from raising fish in ponds.

Only 22 days are needed to fatten crabs, compared with over three months to culture fish.

Because the community residents were taught to market their products, they were able to do away with middlemen—thus raising their selling price.

They also solved the problem of the mud crabs feeding on fingerlings and destroying fishnets.

Gersava reported that the community members had raised their income by as much as 60 percent through their new skill.

Teaching

In April, the team was awarded a $320 grant by HSBC Philippines to conduct a financial literacy training workshop for the Ilocano and Muslim women living in the Gawad Kalinga community of President Quirino.

The out-of-school youth were taught financial planning and management to grow their business of making *gabi* chips. Professionals were brought in to provide the basics of accounting and financial analysis, as well as marketing.

The Muslim women were encouraged to improve the marketing and packaging of their handicrafts and woven fabrics, such as the T'nalak, to get a higher price for their hard labor.

"There is plenty of optimism that this financial literacy program will create new opportunities for the learners and, in the end, uplift their plight," Gersava said.

It is because of this optimism that HSBC Philippines is committed to continue helping Sife in its projects in the country, under the global HSBC Financial Literacy Program.

The program undertaken by the HSBC Education Trust and its Corporate and Investment Banking Markets division promotes financial literacy, with emphasis on young people and women.

2nd largest participant

According to HSBC CEO Warner Manning, 51 of the 300 Sife projects worldwide that had been granted funds were composed of Filipino students, making the Philippines the second largest participant after the United States.

"Financial literacy is a fundamental skill that empowers people and enables them to achieve the human dignity they deserve. By investing in financial literacy education, we seek to build the confidence and abilities of young people on whom, as customers and employees, the future of business will depend," Manning said.

Priscilla Rose A. Oberiano, vice president for Mindanao of Sife Philippines, said Sife was the answer to the prayers of many of these communities.

Volunteerism

Gersava said that apart from the honor, the chance to represent the Philippines at the Sife Olympics further fanned the flame of volunteerism in their hearts.

The team is now hard at work at providing early childhood education in various communities in Sultan Kudarat.

In cooperation with the staff members of the Basic Education Assistance for Mindanao-Providing Education Access for Cultural Enhancement Program, it has enabled more than 100 Tiduray, Manobo and Muslim residents to read polysyllabic words, write their own names, count from 1 to 100 and add and subtract multidigit numbers.

Gersava said he and his colleagues were doing these activities on their own time because they had found fulfillment in helping others.

He said volunteering was really all they could do because they had no money to give to the even poorer people around them.

"We are poor, but we have other blessings from God. That is our capital," he said.

Party-list votes in ARMM ...

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party-list bets.

In Basilan, the top vote-getters were Suara Bangsamoro (Suara), which received 38,651 votes, Barangay Association for National Advancement and Transparency (Banat) with 30,116 votes, and Samahan ng mga Mangangalakal para sa Ikauunlad ng Lokal na Ekonomiya (Smile), 22,922 votes.

Widespread fraud

Lanao del Sur had only 273,011 registered voters but total votes cast for party-lists in that province totaled 279,927, an excess of nearly 7,000 votes. The figure meant a voter turnout of more than 100 percent.

Of the 66 party-list candidates, a group called Alif—Ang Laban ng Indiginong Filipino—topped the Lanao del Sur tally with 119,469 votes, about 43 percent of total votes cast.

"More than being formal defects, these manifest errors are badges of the widespread election fraud and massive cheating that was done in these areas," said the party-list Citizens' Battle Against Corruption or Cibac.

Cibac had petitioned the Comelec to exclude the Certificates of Canvass (COCs) and Statements of Votes (SOVs) from Lanao del Sur and two other ARMM provinces—Maguindanao and Tawi-Tawi—from the final canvass of votes.

It also asked the poll body to institute criminal proceedings against Comelec personnel who had taken part in irregularities in those areas.

No Comelec ruling yet

According to Cibac, COCs and SOVs from the three provinces contained not only manifest errors and omissions but "more importantly, statistical improbabilities that must not be overlooked by the National Board of Canvassers."

Add to that the fact that some party-lists had been "victims of *dagdag-bawas* and vote-buying which some Comelec people openly talk about," said Akbayan Rep. Etta Rosales.

More than a year after the last national polls, the Comelec has yet to decide on the petitions filed by Cibac and other party-lists.

"It's evident party-list concerns are not prioritized and always put aside by the Comelec," Rosales observed.

Comelec chair Benjamin Abalos, however, said otherwise.

Abalos cited alleged poll irregularities and "legal maneuvers" by party-list candidates as reasons for the delay in the final canvassing of party-list votes.

Election-related irregularities, Comelec Commissioner Mehol Sadain said, "may bring about the possibility of holding special elections in some areas."

At least three party-list groups have assailed the incomplete canvass as the "biggest obstacle" that hinders additional nominees of winning party-list groups from being proclaimed and taking their place in the House of Representatives.

Abalos promise

Abalos, they claimed, had promised a "speedy canvassing" that would end in time for the President's State of the Nation Address in July.

In an earlier interview, Abalos told this reporter the National Board of Canvassers was "still re-canvassing some votes."

Of the 12.6 million partial and official votes cast (as of June 2004), the following party-lists had received the required 2 percent which entitles them to a seat in the House of Representatives:

1) Bayan Muna (1,202,277, 9.52 percent, 3 seats);

2) Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives (933,356, 7.39 percent, 3 seats);

3) Akbayan (849,103, 6.72 percent, 3 seats);

4) Buhay Hayaan Yumabong (705,375, 5.58 percent, 2 seats);

5) Anakpawis (538,104, 4.26 percent, 2 seats);

6) Cibac (493,546, 3.9 percent, 1 seat);

7) Gabriela (462,821, 3.66 percent, 1 seat);

8) Partido ng Manggagawa (447,920, 3.54 percent, 1 seat);

9) Butil Farmers Party (429,197, 3.39 percent, 1 seat);

10) Alliance of Volunteer Educators (343,177, 2.71 percent, 1 seat);

11) Alagad (340,963, 2.7 percent, 1 seat);

12) Veterans Freedom Party (340,277, 2.69 percent, 1 seat);

13) Cooperative Natcco Network Party (270,913, 2.14 percent, 1 seat);

14) An Waray (268,078, 2.12 percent, 1 seat); and,

15) 15) Anak Mindanao (266,533, 2.11 percent, 1 seat).

Statistically improbable

The Maguindanao SOV showed the province had 334,331 registered voters.

But votes cast for party-list bets there totaled 283,012, a very high turnout of 84.65 percent. Again, it was "way above the national average of only 30 percent," Cibac pointed out.

In Metro Manila, they averaged only 32 percent. Those in the Visayas were even lower, averaging only 19 percent.

In the case of Tawi-Tawi, Cibac said it was "statistically improbable that 63.4 percent of the province's 120,402 registered voters would cast their votes for party-list groups, when the national average was only around 30 percent."

Clearly, the COCs and SOVs from Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur and Tawi-Tawi had been tampered with, Cibac asserted.

In its complaint, the group said it was "obvious that the votes cast were terribly skewed to only a handful of party-list organizations."

It said: "The top 10 party-lists alone garnered 246,831 votes, representing 88.17 percent of the total number of votes cast and 90.4 percent of the total number of registered voters.

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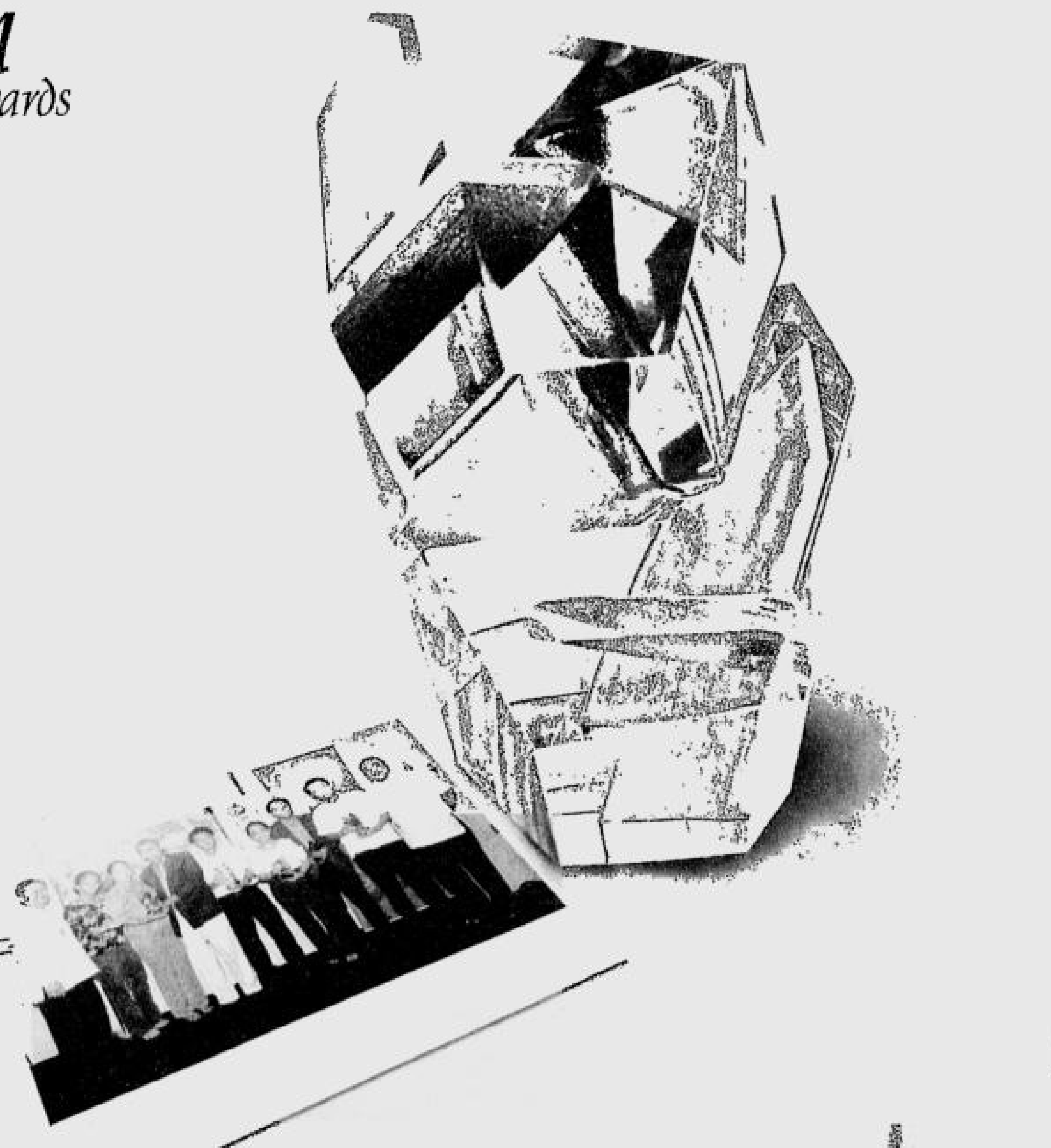

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Joma: Informal talks still on

By Dona Pazzibugan

NATIONAL Democratic Front of the Philippines chief political consultant Jose Ma. Sison said yesterday that while formal peace talks with the government had been suspended, informal negotiations were still going on.

The exiled communist leader thus warned the government against arresting members of the communist negotiation panel covered by the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG), which the government has suspended effective next month.

Rene Sarmiento, head of the government peace negotiating panel, said yesterday that the JASIG with the communist negotiators, could be reinstated.

"It [the arrest threats] can be lifted any time as we have done in the past if they will show a gesture of sincerity by communicating with us that they're open to the peace talks within the 30-day grace period," Sarmiento said.

Under the JASIG accord, 97 negotiators and support staff of the NDFP had immunity from arrest and could roam freely even while their guerrilla arm, the New People's Army (NPA), was battling government forces.

In a statement from the Netherlands, Sison said the NDFP merely "postponed" the formal negotiations but did not withdraw from it.

"The distinction between the NDFP postponement of formal talks of the negotiating panels, on the one hand, and the continuity of the peace negotiations in accordance with the JASIG on the other, is important because even when the formal talks are postponed there is still some work that is being done in the peace negotiations," Sison said.

"The negotiating panels and their consultants, advisers and staffers continue to work," he added, citing the joint working committees, the joint monitoring committee and the joint secretariat on the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.

He stressed that the JASIG remained in force and could not be suspended unilaterally by either party.

Sison warned the government against harming members of their panel once the government considers the JASIG "suspended" by next month.

"Those who are actually most threatened with abduction and murderous assault by the government are the NDFP-nominated consultants, advisers, staffers, researchers and other volunteers who do not belong to any NDFP organization and who are legally residing in Manila and elsewhere in the Philippines," Sison said.

With Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, and AFP

Korea to invest $1.85B in RP

THE COUNTRY is expecting some $1.85 billion in new investments from South Korea, Malacañang announced yesterday following the visit of South Korean Prime Minister Lee Hae-chan.

Lee, who met with President Macapagal-Arroyo on Friday, also discussed "security as well as trade issues" with her, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said without elaborating.

Ms Arroyo said in a statement that the Hanjin group of South Korea was establishing a "ship component manufacturing facility," in the former Subic US naval base, that will eventually become a ship-building facility with total investments of about a billion dollars.

The Korea Electric Power Corp. will also be investing $250 million in energy projects in Cebu, $600 million to expand an existing plant in Batangas and $50 million to build a submarine cable that would connect the Luzon and Mindoro grids, the President said.

Kepco was responsible for providing electricity to some 500 powerless barangays nationwide and is committed to bringing electricity to 2,000 more communities.

Ms Arroyo remarked that South Koreans had become one of the top foreign tourists to the country with 400,000 arriving last year and about half a million expected this year.

"Economic relations between our two countries have never been better," Arroyo told Lee during his stopover in the country on his way back from the funeral of King Fahd in Saudi Arabia.

Malacañang said the large South Korean investments in the country showed that the business climate was still good despite the political storm over opposition efforts to oust Ms Arroyo on allegations of election fraud.

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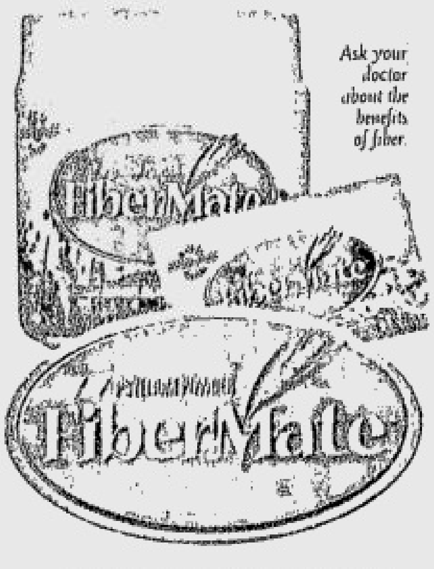

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Fireflies as hope, other gems according to Roco

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jokes that he cracked now and then.

He did not talk about the campaign, politics, or any of his fiery ideas to dramatically reform the country.

At one point, I consulted with INQUIRER photographer Randy Hormillosa and boldly approached Roco as he sat on a monobloc chair facing the sea.

"Sir, can we take pictures?" I said, then proceeded to tell him where to pose—on a fallen log, a hammock, etc.

After the "pictorial," Roco said it was the first time in his political career that somebody told him what to do.

Embarrassed, I felt the blood rush to my head. But he patted me on the back, saying, "That's OK."

Like Christmas lights

The following week, the photograph of Roco half-lying in the hammock and looking out to sea saw print on Page 1. It accompanied my report on his then shocking decision to drop out of the campaign and seek medical treatment in the United States.

The prostate cancer that appeared to have been licked had recurred.

Much later, Roco admitted to me that he was in pain in Panglao.

But on the island the night before Maundy Thursday, while we were having dinner, Roco pointed to fireflies clustered around a tree in the front yard.

The fireflies looked like Christmas lights, and I was moved to wonder about their mystical or spiritual significance, if any.

He dashed off a series of explanations that unfortunately slipped past me as I chased after a firefly that seemed to have lost its way.

But something he said stood out: The light of the fireflies symbolized hope, like Alyansa ng Pag-Asa.

Poster boy

Roco was a poster boy for fitness until his ailment overtook him.

During the campaign, the candidate always rode ahead of everyone else, followed by the media contingent.

A month into a grueling run in the Visayas and Mindanao, some members of the media pack began skipping the early sorties to catch up on sleep.

Roco eventually noticed our absence. At one leg, he learned from his running mate Hermie Aquino that the media vans were still five or six towns away.

Later over lunch in Negros, he told us: "I already shook a thousand hands before you guys woke up."

On April 13, 2004, at the airport, as he prepared to board his flight for the United States, he endured my persistent questioning on whether he would return to resume his campaign.

"Absolutely," he said, later adding: "We will never fail the Filipino people."

True enough, on April 27, he had his spokesperson call to say that he was already in Hong Kong and would be home the next day.

Good fight

On May 10, 2004, Roco cast his vote in his native Naga City.

Asked whether he could smell victory, he said: "Let the people judge."

He would tell me later that he had fought "the good fight" and "finished the race."

He flew back to the United States for treatment on May 30. Before taking off, he told the INQUIRER: "Yes. You never look back, you're always in a good fight. It's a good fight if you have the correct reasons."

Hope and honesty

On our last visit, Roco was still brimming with life and conviction but the flesh was faltering.

"Since Gomburza, our leaders have lied to us, failed us," he said shortly after issuing a call for President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign, to pave the way for "snap" elections.

"The people must decide now. Let them decide," he said.

Roco ran on a platform of hope and honesty, refusing to bank on the traditional political machinery in his quest for the presidency.

He spent nothing for the services of poll watchers, saying the people "should learn to guard their votes."

Many say this cost him his candidacy.

Die with a bang

The man is dead but his words live on:

"In politics, you never back away from people who are relying on you. They will never forgive you. If you campaign, never mind if you die with a bang, [just] not with a whimper.

"So there is no turning back now. I came home to fight on. The people need a choice. We will not fail them. We will be there."

One afternoon, in his study room, Roco told the INQUIRER: "The circle, the line, never ends."

The rise or fall of every person is not ours to decide but God's to ordain, he said.

Raul Roco going home tomorrow

By Nancy C. Carvajal

RAUL Roco's friends and supporters in Metro Manila have only today to bid him goodbye.

The remains of the former senator and 2004 presidential candidate now lying in state at the Maria della Strada Parish church on Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City, will be flown to Naga City tomorrow morning, according to his widow Sonia.

Roco will be buried on Thursday at the Sto. Niño cemetery, beside his father's grave.

That means his remains will not be brought to the Senate for the traditional honors.

"It was not his request, but we just want to bring him home," the widow told reporters yesterday.

Besides, she said, her husband was "no longer in the government."

Sonia said that weeks earlier, her husband told her and their children that he no longer wanted to be part of politics.

"He wanted to go home, and he is going home," Bobbit, the Rocos' eldest son, told the INQUIRER.

Bobbit said the family wanted privacy, as his father had always stressed to him and his siblings.

While Roco was a public figure most of his life, he shielded his family from the public eye, Bobbit said, adding:

"There is no reason why we are skipping [the Senate ceremony] other than we want privacy. We have been taught to separate private from public life."

'Beautiful end'

Sister Rosario Roco, a younger sister of the ex-senator who was with him in his final moments, said he passed away peacefully.

"It was a beautiful end—no struggle and no pain," the nun said.

She said her brother merely closed his eyes, as though he were about to sleep, a few minutes after listening to the hymn of his patron saint Our Lady of Peñafrancia.

"I pressed a cell phone to his ear and let him listen to the singing of *Viva de la Virgen*," she said.

At the other end of the line was another sister, who was singing the hymn of Our Lady.

At the wake, Roco's favorite chair, a side table and a reading lamp were beside the casket.

On top of the table were a number of books, the small AM radio that he listened to for the news, and the pad of paper on which he had outlined his planned biography.

"Some of these books he was not able to finish, and the DVD of five decades of Oscar Best Pictures was his favorite," said another son, Ponjun.

Soft music played, including "Sarungbanggi"—one of Roco's favorites—and his own composition, "Konting Dasal."

Ponjun said a Mass celebrated earlier yesterday by Benedictine friars gave a different meaning to the San Beda College hymn that his father had composed for his alma mater.

"They recited the hymn instead of singing it, and it was even better," the son said.

Mourners

Former President Corazon Aquino was present at the Mass.

Among those spotted at the wake yesterday were Vice President Noli de Castro, Senate President Franklin Drilon, Senators Juan Ponce Enrile and Mar Roxas, Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin, former Sen. Jovito Salonga, and Irene Santiago, Roco's running mate when he first sought the presidency in 1998.

Yet another mourner, Raquel Gitigan, said she could never repay Roco for his generosity.

"I was one of the scholars of Senator Roco at Philippine Normal University, and I just want to express my appreciation to the family," Gitigan said, weeping.

She said there were about 50 of them chosen by the school for the scholarships.

"We were called 'Roco's babies' at the PNU," she said.

'A great man'

In Cebu, Leyte and Negros Occidental, Roco's friends and supporters praised him.

"I feel bad that we lost a great man, but I am proud I stuck with him until the end. He was the best candidate for the presidency then," said Victor Puey, Negros Occidental provincial campaign and youth coordinator of the Roco for President Movement. *With reports from Carla P. Gomez, Jhunnex Napallacan and Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau; Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

How to stop 'jueteng:' Hagedorn reveals secret

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own jueteng operations or suspend other jueteng operators.

According to Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn, whom the President named as head of the new advisory task force on jueteng, his city has been jueteng-free since he was elected its top local official in 1992.

Legal front

"[Former Interior Secretary] Rafael Alunan asked me then how I was able to rid the city of jueteng. It's simple. I merely stopped my jueteng operations," Hagedorn said amid guffaws from journalists covering a news forum in Quezon City yesterday.

He said that prior to his election as mayor he operated jueteng in the city for six years. There was a time, however, when he also operated the "legal" numbers game or the small town lottery of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

"That was just the legal front. Bet collectors went around with pads marked PCSO, but underneath were jueteng booklets," Hagedorn said.

He said this was the reason the small town lottery failed to displace jueteng. The program has since been shelved.

Confidential list

While waiting for his official appointment as anti-jueteng adviser, Hagedorn said he submitted his report to Ms Arroyo on local executives involved in jueteng operations.

"But of course, [that list] is still confidential," he said.

Hagedorn clarified that he was not the anti-jueteng czar as widely reported earlier. He said that as chairman of the League of Cities, he heads a task force made up of local government officials that gives advice to the President on how to stamp out jueteng in the country.

Mayor is key

The mayor of the Palawan capital said jueteng could not be eradicated without the cooperation of the mayors.

"The mayors know every corner of their [city or town]. If they don't approve of jueteng operations, these could be stopped. Which operator would continue operating [in an area] where he would always be raided? He'd lose money," Hagedorn said.

He noted, however, that jueteng gave poor folk employment and income.

"So when I became mayor, I called all the [jueteng employees] to a meeting. I gave them jobs as watchmen of the forests and the seas," he said.

When jueteng was stopped, Hagedorn said, it was important to replace it with another source of income.

GARBAGE, and more garbage are washed up against the seawall as heavy rains and winds pound the Baywalk due to the stormy weather condition prevailing in Luzon. REM ZAMORA

GMA gets the 'blues' . . .

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headed by the prime minister, President Macapagal-Arroyo made a slip of the tongue when she referred to the President of South Korea as "Cheung Wa Dae."

Cheung Wa Dae (Blue House) is the Malacañang Palace in South Korea.

The glaring error seemed incomprehensible considering that it was only two years ago, in June 2003, that Ms Arroyo went to South Korea and met its President, Roh Moo-hyun.

Ms Arroyo made the faux pas in a speech during a dinner in Malacañang in honor of visiting South Korean Prime Minister Lee Hae Chan.

"Our country looks forward to the visit of President Cheung Wa Dae in Manila this December. Truly, it is a very great honor for us that the President and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea both visit us in this year of our great friendship," said Ms Arroyo, based on a transcript of her speech released by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Error repeated

The Office of the Press Secretary repeated her error in its press release on the speech yesterday.

When the INQUIRER pointed out the presidential error to Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, he said: "I have seen both transcripts but I would appreciate it if you can make a correction."

$1.4-B investments

In her speech, Ms Arroyo cited the $1.4 billion in investments, mostly in power generation projects, coming from South Korea which she took as a vote of confidence in her administration. *(See story on Page A5.)*

These investments include Korean Electric Power Co.'s (Kepco) $600 million expansion of its Batangas power plant and $200 million in new investments in Cebu.

Ms Arroyo also praised Kepco for its $5-million contribution to her program to install electricity in all barangays in the country.

She also reported that she expected another Korean industrial giant, Hanjin, to eventually raise its initial investment of $50 million in a ship component fabrication facility at the Subic Freeport Zone to as much as $1 billion.

Benefits from Seoul

"Overall trade relations have been good. Foreign direct investments from Korea increased significantly, particularly in energy, thanks to Kepco, as well as in manufacturing."

Ms Arroyo also cited the growing number of South Koreans flocking to the Philippines, saying she expected this to grow to 500,000 this year from 400,000 last year.

Zuce draws new fire

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acted as if he did not know the police officers.

"I don't know these people. I don't know why they're here," he said, referring to the officers, who stood about a meter away from him in the room where he was talking with reporters.

Also yesterday, two "jueteng" informants, whose testimony at the Senate linked some members of the First Family to the illegal numbers game, made it clear they had no intention of going back on what they had said.

That was the message sent out by Sandra Cam and Wilfredo "Boy" Mayor two days after a member of their triumvirate—Richard Garcia—broke with them and accused the opposition of forcing him to implicate close relatives of Ms Arroyo in the illegal numbers game.

Mayor likened to a "blood compact" his agreement with Cam to stand by their Senate testimony.

Bayam was the latest of several people to try to discredit Zuce, who had told the Senate he was in the house of President Macapagal-Arroyo in La Vista subdivision when she supposedly appealed to Comelec regional and provincial officers to help her in her election bid in 2004.

Zuce, who also worked with Rufino as a technical assistant, said that the election officers later received white envelopes containing cash.

Bayam, who said he was a former senior adviser for Muslim Mindanao concerns under Rufino, denied the contents of one of the documents presented by Zuce when the latter released his affidavit containing his allegations.

Signatures look the same

"Michaelangelo Zuce alleged that I issued a memorandum to Secretary Jose Rufino endorsing the appointment of Atty. Virgilio Garcillano. I categorically deny that I ever wrote any such memorandum," Bayam read from a prepared statement.

Bayam said the signature in the memorandum was not his, and showed reporters his signature on his passport.

The signatures appeared the same.

Bayam said he knew Zuce since their desks were adjacent to each other when they were working at the office of Rufino.

But he denied he knew Garcillano.

"I do not know him from Adam," Bayam said.

He also made a sweeping denial of the contents of Zuce's potentially damaging affidavit.

Bayam said he served under Rufino with the rank of assistant secretary from Jan. 2, 2002, until just before the campaign period for the May 2004 elections.

He said he ran for congressman in the first district of Maguindanao but lost. He said he ran as an independent and claimed he did not campaign for the President.

In his statement, Bayan said he was contacted by persons claiming to be representatives of Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay and Zuce's lawyer Liwayway Vinzons-Chato, and offered a reward if he helped them.

He said he was contacted once by phone by someone and that he did not ask for the person's name. He said the person did not mention any amount.

He said he turned off his phone after saying he was not interested.

No backing out

In an interview with the INQUIRER, the outspoken Cam also said she would be willing to testify in impeachment proceedings against Ms Arroyo if she were summoned.

She said she believed her fellow witnesses, Mayor and confessed bagman Abraham Riva, were likely to do the same.

"We'd stay together and nobody can buy us out," Cam told the INQUIRER.

"[Mayor and I] exchanged words of honor that we will neither turn back nor take back what we said in exchange for money. Riva called us up and he told us that he was also behind us," she added.

Mayor, in an interview on ANC network, made the same declaration as Cam.

"Sandra and I already had a blood compact. No abandoning of each other," Mayor said.

Family backing

Cam later clarified to the INQUIRER that it was actually a bloodless compact—a mere exchange of each other's word of honor.

Cam said Mayor had also been texted by his family, telling him not to succumb to any lucrative offers or to turn back on what he had started. "They'd be put to shame, they told him."

Cam said they had transferred to another safehouse after Garcia revealed on Thursday that he, Mayor and Riva had gone to the Fairview residence of Novaliches Bishop Antonio Tobias after meeting with Sen. Panfilo Lacson and giving his staff their sworn statements on what they knew about jueteng.

It turned out that the Fairview house had been their refuge all along from those who might try to harm them or buy them out.

Cam said she and Mayor were being protected in their safehouse while Riva had been given security elsewhere because he needed to be with his family.

Still hopeful on Dy

SENATE Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said yesterday former Isabela Gov. Faustino Dy had given his assurance he would appear in a Senate hearing next week to talk about events in the La Vista home of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

It was at La Vista where she allegedly asked election officials for help in the 2004 election.

Pimentel said he was assured by a person close to the ex-governor that he would attend the jueteng inquiry on Thursday. The Senate invitation to Dy said the hearing would be held on Wednesday.

"It's clear he will come for the investigation. I came to know this through a friend who is in contact with the former governor," Pimentel said.

Opposition Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano said Dy had stated he would "not lie" if he were subpoenaed to testify. ***Juliet Labog-Javellana and Philip C. Tubeza***

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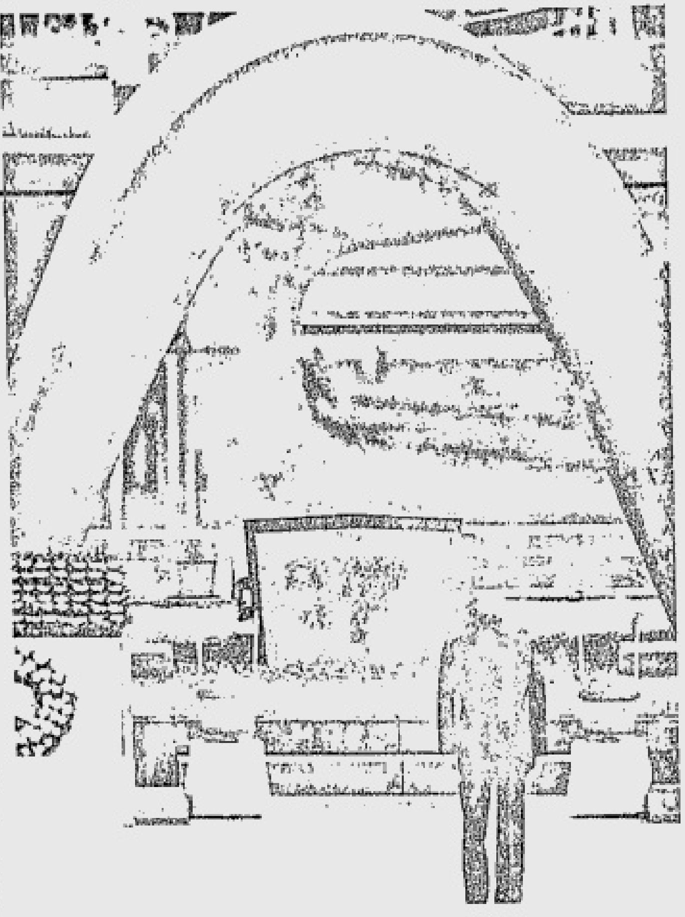

JAPANESE Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi bows in front of a cenotaph dedicated to Hiroshima A-bomb victims Aug. 6. REUTERS

Hiroshima remembers victims of atomic blast 60 years ago

HIROSHIMA—Tens of thousands of people from around the world gathered in Hiroshima on Saturday to mark the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the city and to renew calls for the abolition of nuclear arms.

The anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing comes as regional powers continue talks in Beijing to urge North Korea to give up its nuclear program, seen by Tokyo as a threat and one of the reasons behind rising calls in Japan to strengthen its defense and seek closer military ties with the United States.

Under a blazing summer sun, survivors and families of victims assembled at the Peace Memorial Park near "ground zero," the spot where the bomb detonated on Aug.6, 1945, killing thousands and leveling the city.

Dignitaries including Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi attended the ceremony in Hiroshima, some 690 km southwest of Tokyo.

At 8:15 a.m., the time when the US B-29 warplane Enola Gay dropped the bomb, people at the park and throughout the city observed a minute's silence in memory of those who perished.

Bells at temples and churches rang and passengers on the streetcars that run throughout the city bowed their heads in remembrance of the dead, including those incinerated by the bomb 60 years ago while riding the streetcars.

"This Aug. 6 ... is a time of inheritance, of awakening, and of commitment, in which we inherit the commitment of the bomb victims to the abolition of nuclear weapons and realization of genuine world peace," Hiroshima mayor Tadatoshi Akiba told the gathering.

Akiba said in his Peace Declaration that the five established nuclear powers—the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China—as well as India, Pakistan and North Korea were "jeopardizing human survival." The Hiroshima bomb unleashed a mix of shockwaves, heat rays and radiation that killed thousands instantly. By the end of 1945 the toll had risen to some 140,000 out of an estimated population of 350,000. Thousands more died of illness and injuries later.

On Aug. 9, 1945, three days after the Hiroshima attack, another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, bringing to an end the military aggression that had culminated in its entry into World War Two.

Yohei Kono, the speaker of parliament's lower house, said the Hiroshima anniversary should serve as a reminder for Japan not to return to militarism as well as for the world not to use nuclear weapons again. *Reuters*

Russia races to save crew of trapped sub

MOSCOW—Russia's Navy strove on Saturday to rescue seven crew members trapped 190 meters below the surface before their air runs out.

The mini-submarine, itself a rescue vessel, ran into trouble on Thursday when its propeller got entangled in fishing nets and an antenna got hooked during a military exercise off the Kamchatka peninsula on Russia's Pacific Coast, the Navy said.

Rescuers tried to drag the AS-28 mini-submarine closer to shallow waters, but anchors and a large antenna hindered the plan more than 48 hours after the submarine snagged in deep waters, Navy officials said.

"We moved it 100 meters towards the coast but the speed is not sufficient," said Admiral Viktor Fyodorov, commander of the Pacific fleet, the Interfax news agency reported.

Rescuers will now try to cut the antenna and anchors from the submarine, Fyodorov said.

The crew are in a "satisfactory condition" and are trying to conserve oxygen by keeping movement to a minimum, Navy officials told Reuters.

As Russia's Navy raced to save the crew, teams from Britain and the United States were airlifting submersibles and specialists to the scene.

Though much smaller in scale, the accident had echoes of the disaster involving the Kursk nuclear submarine almost exactly five years ago.

President Vladimir Putin faced criticism for his slow reaction to the Kursk's sinking, which illustrated the post-Soviet decline of Russia's submarine fleet and the failure of top admirals to cope with a crisis. *Reuters*

Blair bares sweeping antiterror measures

LONDON—Prime Minister Tony Blair announced Friday a sweeping range of new powers to combat terrorism following the London bombings, warning hardline clerics in the country that "the rules of the game are changing."

A combative Blair also responded furiously to an al-Qaida statement justifying the attacks, the first of which killed 52 innocent people, as a response to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, labelling this argument an "obscenity."

Speaking at his final Downing Street news conference before an imminent summer break, Blair unveiled around a dozen proposals to crack down on radical Muslim clerics who advocate terrorism or foment hatred.

"Let no one be in any doubt that the rules of the game are changing," a stern Blair warned.

"Coming to Britain is not a right and even when people have come here, staying here carries with it a duty. That duty is to share and support the values that sustain the British way of life." The list of new measures—ranging from an outright ban on two radical Muslim groups to a long list of views for which foreign nationals can be ejected from Britain—drew a mixed initial response.

While moderate British Muslim groups welcomed much of it, a civil liberties organization condemned as dangerous deals in the works that would allow people to be quickly deported to Lebanon and Algeria on the condition they are not tortured.

Among other potentially controversial moves is a possible review of the 1998 Human Rights Act, which incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, to speed up the deportation of foreigners linked to terror. *AFP*

SC upholds verdict on Bashir

JAKARTA—The Supreme Court upheld a 30-month prison sentence for militant cleric Abu Bakar Bashir for conspiracy in the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings, a court official said Saturday.

Lawyers for Bashir, who expected their appeal to be rejected, accused the United States of interfering in Indonesia's judicial process.

"We deeply regret the Supreme Court's decision," said Muhammad Assegaf. "But it does not change anything—we believe our client is innocent. He was not involved in the Bali bombings."

Bashir, the alleged spiritual head of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah terror group, was convicted in March for giving his blessing to militants who carried out the attacks that killed 202 people, many of them Australian tourists.

The Jakarta High Court upheld the sentence in May, and Bashir appealed to the Supreme Court, which handed down its ruling in a closed-door session Wednesday.

Johanes Suhadi, a spokesperson for South Jakarta District Court, said judges waited several days to publicize their decision to "reject the appeal"—as is customary in Indonesia. He had no further details.

"We believe the United States interfered in this decision," said Assegaf, Bashir's lawyer, adding that his client would seek justice through other channels. *AP*

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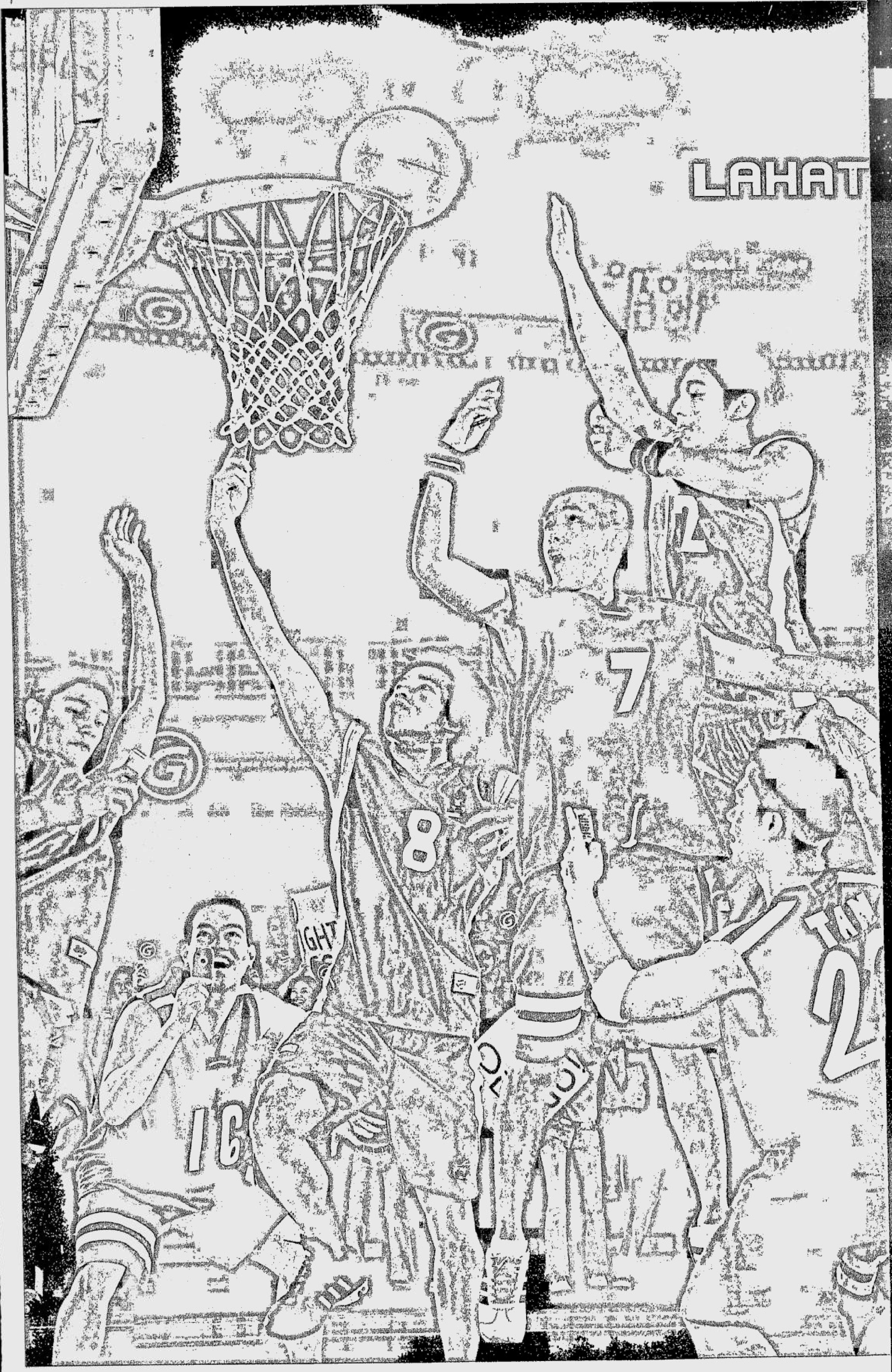

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Sense of the possible

EDITORIAL

EX-SENATOR Raul Roco, who passed away on Friday, did not leave the scene like an Old Testament prophet, unhonored in his own country. From his youth, he had received the grateful recognition of the various communities he served, expressed in diverse forms: academic honors, unqualified professional success, an outstanding lawmaking career, untold political capital.

And yet there remains a sense that the country he served did not quite give him the final recognition he deserved. This sense, of course, is based on his two unsuccessful runs for the presidency, on the notion that his defeat was ultimately the nation's loss.

It is worth noting that, in the outpouring of praise from all sides of the political divide, the tributes from the younger politicians have been stamped by a deep imprint of what-might-have-beens. A fellow Bicolano, Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr., said that if history would judge Roco the "best president this country never had, no one will contest such a judgment." At the other end of the political spectrum, Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teodoro Casiño echoed this view: Roco was "probably the most qualified president the country never had."

These are remarkable testimonials, considering that history's list of highly qualified candidates for president includes Claro M. Recto, Raul Manglapus and Jovito Salonga.

They are all the more remarkable coming from the country's younger leaders.

The older members of the political class have not held back on their praise for Roco. But it is in the language used by Andaya, Casiño, et al. that the sense of unfulfilled potential is strongest, and at its most plaintive.

Why is this so?

In part, the tribute is a function of the very language they used; the praise may have been suggested by the phrase.

But the tribute is also a function of their youth; they were not around when Recto and Lorenzo Tañada and Manglapus tilted at the windmills of Philippine politics. Roco's example may have made a stronger impression because it was an experience they lived through.

But in greater part, the tribute is a reflection of Roco's own appeal: He drew the young, understood them, spoke their language.

We do not mean that he spoke in rap or wrote in "textese." We mean that he appealed to the idealism, the sense of the possible, that animates the young. His last campaign theme, offering "new hope," was political sentimentalism; but it was political sentimentalism with a specific demographic in mind.

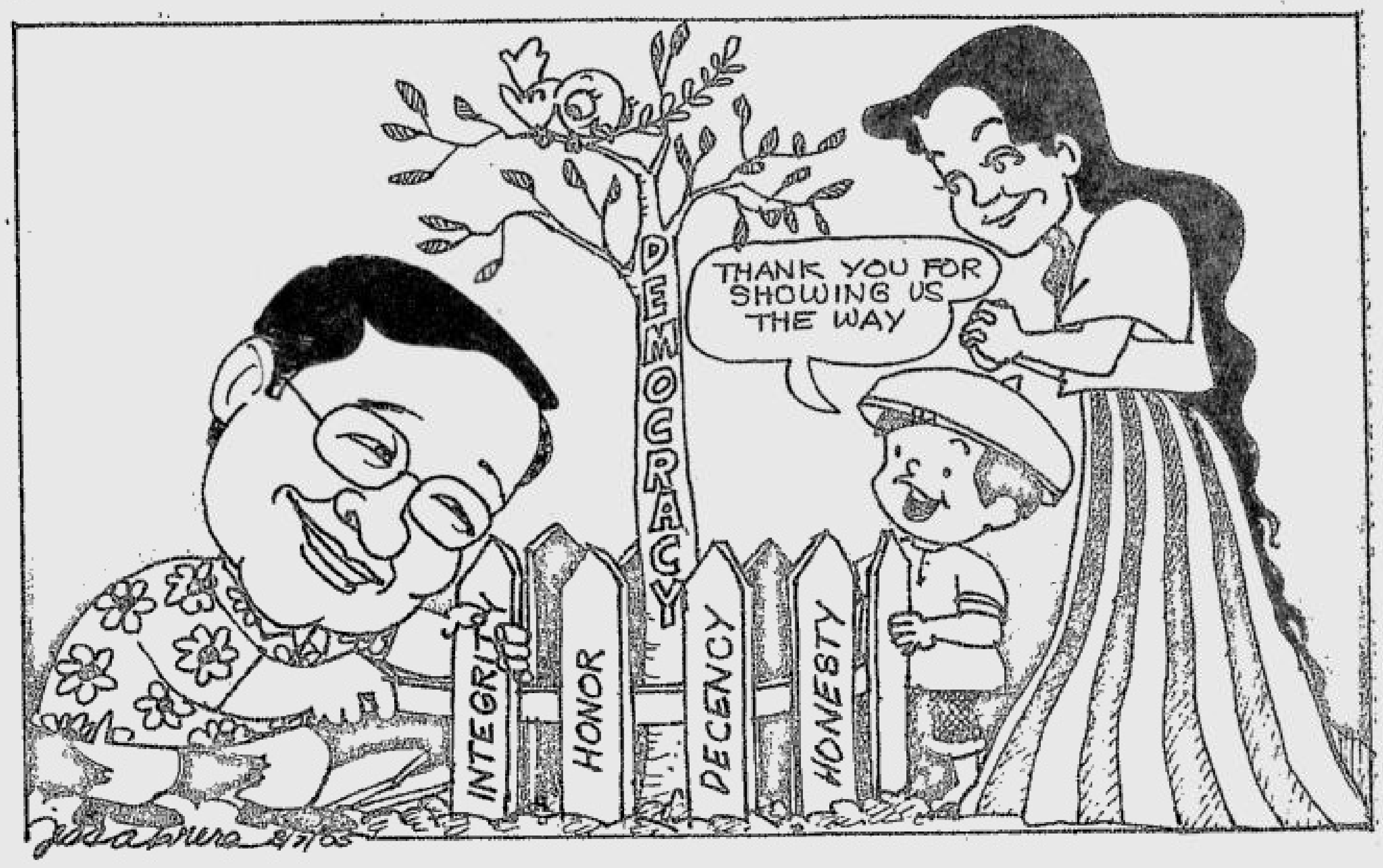
It helped that his appeal to idealism was backed by a reputation for competence, in his law practice and in government service, and for wit.

These three virtues—idealism, competence, intelligence—all came together in an iconic episode during the Estrada impeachment trial. Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, a former judge, had insinuated that a witness, a young lawyer who had left a job at one law firm for another with lower pay, was somehow in the wrong. "The normal reaction is to accept the higher salary," Santiago sang. Roco used his turn to ask the witness to defend, not only the lawyer on the witness stand, but all lawyers. He asked questions that allowed the witness to say the truth, which is that money was not the only consideration. Then he turned around and smiled: "The law is not a business but a noble profession."

In a sense, he owed everything to that profession. His work ethic was shaped by the brutal realities of lawyering, Philippine-style. As many of those who worked for him have said, he did his homework, and drove himself and his staff hard.

He had his shortcomings, of course. He was not much of a coalition builder; for him, politics was not so much addition as geometry. He believed that a single man with Archimedes' lever could move the world. But in Congress, and in the Senate, and in the Department of Education, the reality is that no lever can ever be long enough.

This shortcoming was felt most in his presidential campaigns, which lacked the network and the resources that a Senate slate of equally impressive candidates would have made available. The outpouring of praise since Friday is thus doubly poignant; if these politicians had supported him then, perhaps, his fate would have been different. Eulogies are wasted on the dead.



The Evelio Javier case

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE CURRENT controversy over the Garci tapes reminds me of the case of Evelio Javier vs. Commission on Elections, 144 SCRA 194, which was raffled to me shortly after the reorganization of the Supreme Court in 1986. The petitioner had complained of irregularities committed in the election for the Batasang Pambansa in Antique, but the case was intentionally ignored during martial law and was still undecided after Edsa I.

The records showed that Javier had failed to prevent the proclamation of the KBL candidate, Arturo Pacificador, and had gone to the Supreme Court for relief. While his petition was pending, Javier and some of his supporters were murdered in cold blood and in broad daylight. After studying the case, I recommended its dismissal, but Chief Justice Claudio Teehankee felt that the new Supreme Court should make a statement.

And so I wrote the decision on the merits, excerpts of which follow:

"The new Solicitor General has moved to dismiss this petition on the ground that as a result of supervening events it has become moot and academic. It is not as simple as that. Several lives have been lost in connection with this case, including that of the petitioner himself. The private respondent is now in hiding. The purity of suffrage has been defiled and the popular will scorned through a confabulation of those in authority. This Court cannot keep silent in the face of these terrible facts. The motion is denied.

"The abolition of the Batasang Pambansa and the disappearance of the office in dispute between the petitioner and the private respondent—both of whom have gone their separate ways—could be a convenient justification for dismissing this case. But there are larger issues that must be resolved now. The more important purpose is to manifest in the clearest possible terms that this Court will not disregard and in effect condone wrong on the simplistic and tolerant pretext that the case has become moot and academic.

"The Supreme Court is not only the highest arbiter of legal questions but also the conscience of the government. The citizen comes to us in quest of law but we must also give him justice. The two are not always the same. There are times when we cannot grant the latter because the issue has been settled and decision is no longer possible according to the law. But there are also times when although the dispute has disappeared, as in this case, it nevertheless cries out to be resolved. Justice demands that we act then, not only for the vindication of the outraged right, though gone, but also for the guidance of and as a restraint upon the future."

"Since this case began in 1984, many significant developments have taken place, not the least of which was the February revolution of 'people power' that dislodged the past regime and ended well nigh fourteen years of travail for this captive nation. The petitioner is gone, felled by a hail of bullets sprayed with deadly purpose by assassins whose motive is yet to be disclosed. The private respondent has disappeared with the 'pomp of power' he had before enjoyed. Even the Batasang Pambansa itself has been abolished, an 'iniquitous vestige of the previous regime' discontinued by the Freedom Constitution. It is so easy now, as has been suggested not without reason, to send the records of this case to the archives and say the case is finished and the book is closed.

"But not yet.

"Let us first say these meager words in tribute to a fallen hero who was struck down in the vigor of his youth because he dared to speak against tyranny. Where many kept a meekly silence for fear of retaliation, and still others feigned and fawned in hopes of safety and even reward, he was not afraid. Money did not tempt him. Threats did not daunt him. His was a singular and all-exacting obsession: the return of freedom to his country. And though he fought not in the barricades of war amid the sound and smoke of shot and shell, he was a soldier nonetheless, fighting valiantly for the freedom of his people, against the enemies of his race, unfortunately of his race too, who would impose upon the land a perpetual night of dark enslavement. He did not see the breaking of the dawn, sad to say, but in a very real sense Evelio B. Javier made that dawn draw nearer because he was, like Saul and Jonathan, 'swifter than eagles and stronger than lions.'

"... a new government has taken over in the wake of the February revolution. The despot has escaped and, with him, let us pray, all the oppressions and repressions of the past have also been banished forever. A new spirit is now upon our land. A new vision limns the horizon. Now we can look forward with new hope that under the Constitution of the future every Filipino shall be truly sovereign in his own country, able to express his will through the pristine ballot with only his conscience as his counsel.

"This is not an impossible dream. Indeed, it is an approachable goal. It can and will be won if we are able at last, after our long ordeal, to say never again to tyranny. If we can do this with courage and conviction, then and only then, and not until then, can we truly say that the case is finished and the book is closed."

Who can we turn to?

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a very sick wife who requested her husband to call a veterinarian. "Why a veterinarian, not a doctor?" the husband asked. "That's because I work like a horse, I eat like a dog and I live with a pig," was the wife's reply.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 14, 22-33) Jesus teaches us to turn to prayer as He himself did whenever He was under pressure by the crowd. Prayer, solitude and silence can help us find our bearings and strength, especially when we are already "low bat" and in need of recharging. More so, we need to turn to God in prayer when we are tossed about by waves that threaten our very lives. It is precisely at such times that we need to turn to God in prayer. Who do you turn to, what do you turn to when problems overwhelm you?

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When you walk through a storm, where do you seek refuge? Some stay put, and some fly away (literally, to another country!). Flight does not solve the problem. One may seek refuge in drugs, alcohol and other worldly pleasures, but the problem is just postponed and may even be compounded. One can take flight from the noise and the burdens of this world, but he cannot lessen the raging turmoil within. One can gather a thousand lieutenants, advisers, PR handlers to fix the problem, but they can only do so much. At the end of the day, the only road one must take is the road that leads to God's heart, and the way to walk it is through one's knees, alone.

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So much noise, debates and media blitz around us these days. If only we listen to God in prayer, there will not be so many liars in our midst. But because of the waves buffeting us, we have, like Peter, taken off our eyes from the Lord, from the truth; instead, we have focused on cover-ups, maneuverings, manipulations, half-truths and even blatant lies. Given this situation, we all will sink. May the Holy Spirit enlighten us; and, if this is not possible, banish the liars and manipulators from our midst. Our boat is sinking, and we are overloaded with noisy cheaters and liars. Time to throw them out into the sea, don't you think so?

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"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." How consoling to hear these words of Jesus, especially these days when there's so much turmoil in our midst. It is a consoling thought to know that God is at the controls and that truth will prevail, although one is disheartened at times that the liars and the cheats seem to be getting the upper hand, and appear to be getting away with their evil designs. I believe in truth, and I believe in the triumph of truth and goodness. But it is not enough to believe. We all must work for the truth. Trust that God is on the side of truth. Believe in the truth. Work for the truth.

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When I find myself sinking in work and pressures during the day, I also often find myself reaching out to God by looking up and saying, "Boy, oh Boy!" "Boy" for me is "Because Of You." Try it, sing it. When you get so engrossed in your daily work and concerns, look up and say, "Because of you, Lord." Then you realize that the reason for all that you are doing is He, and you get to see the big picture again. Suddenly, feelings of self-importance and overly concerns disappear, and one is lifted up again from the clutches of personal agenda, time-tables, and what-have-you's. "Because Of You." Yes, sing it. Pray it. It works!

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As the song goes, "I remember the boy, but I don't remember the feelings anymore." It is not enough to remember the "boy" (Because of you). One must also remember the "feeling." It is good to be reminded why we are doing what we are doing, but, we must recapture the original feelings when we first started out. Through time though, we may not forget who we are and what we started out to do; we can lose "that loving feeling" because we have become so pragmatic, practical and, yes, normal. Where do we get in touch with the "original" in us? Not in talking or debating, not in the malls, not in the streets, not in our war rooms, but in the silence of our hearts, in humble prayer.

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My prayer is that as we go through life, as we go through this national crisis we are facing now, we all will fix our eyes on Jesus, and not on the waves threatening to overwhelm us. We also must stretch forth our hands unto Him so that He can save us. Above all, we must not lose courage; we must not be afraid. And yes, we must believe and keep on believing that the wind will die down.

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Raul Roco has gone home to the Father. Mission accomplished. He could have been the president of our land. Would things have been different? Only God can tell. Let his passing away be a reminder for all that life is short, that we carry nothing with us when we go, and that we must continue pursuing and doing our mission. What matters in the end is that we loved, we loved at all. *Dios mabalos Noy!*

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, when we are buffeted by waves and we start to sink, help us to turn to you in prayer, penance and good deeds. Amen.

Where is Virgilio Garcillano? (2)

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

MORE than a month ago, I asked the question: Where is Virgilio Garcillano? One would think—considering what the President is accused of doing during the May elections—that Garcillano's presence and testimony would help clear the air regarding the electoral tampering charges being made against the Palace. That is, if there was no basis for these charges. On the other hand, if the opposite is true, then this explains why Garcillano has not been heard from for such a long period of time.

There are all sorts of rumors as to his whereabouts. A few weeks ago, Garcillano was reported to be in the company of my good friend, Public Works Secretary Jun Ebdane, former PNP chief and a member of PMA Class 1970. Ebdane vehemently denied having any knowledge of Garcillano's whereabouts. Last week, Ebdane's name cropped up again in connection with another prominent personality. Michaelangelo Zuce who, a few days ago, made startling revelations before a Senate inquiry on *jueteng*, is reported to have come out in the open with his explosive testimony because he heard that Ebdane was looking for him. What is it about Secretary Ebdane that makes a man come out with confessions while seeking protection for himself because Ebdane is interested in him?

At any rate, wherever Garcillano may be—in Singapore, in London or right here at home—I hope that he remains in good health because he has much to share with us not only in terms of expertise but also in terms of understanding why the Commission on Elections should be replaced by a new set of officials.

Perhaps, Garcillano is busy writing his memoirs. I have two suggestions for the title of his literary endeavors. First would be: "Hello, Garci!—A review of favorite recordings of 2004." Another possibility would be: "How I Elected Presidents—A case study on applied mathematics in electoral tabulations."

Speaking of the Comelec, let me refresh our short memories once again. The Supreme Court, in its decision of Jan. 13, 2004, directed the Ombudsman to determine the criminal liability over an award by the Comelec of automated counting machines for the May, 2004 elections to the Mega Pacific Consortium. It also directed the Office of the Solicitor General to, in effect, recover the P849 million which was spent for these machines, which were never used. We continue to have faith in the Ombudsman and the Solicitor General and hope our people can be updated on the progress of their investigations on the matter.

What puzzles me is that, considering the gravity of the charges against the Comelec—part of the Supreme Court decision reads as follows: "Comelec awarded this billion-peso undertaking with inexplicable haste, without adequately checking and observing mandatory financial, technical and legal requirements"—there have been no moves to impeach the members of the Commission in the House of Representatives, which is the only way to get rid of members of a constitutional commission. And we talk our heads off about electoral reforms!

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My column last week was on the subject "How to help our country." From the calls I got, the message struck home with a lot of people asking how to get hold of the booklet. Just as interesting as the contents of the book, is the life of its author, Alexander Ledesma Lacson.

Alex Lacson, now a senior partner at Malcolm Law in Legaspi Village, Makati City, is a graduate of the UP College of Law, Class of 1996. He is also a member of the Philippine Military Academy, Class of 1987. (Alex—once a member, always a member.) He didn't quite make it but in his senior year at the PMA, Alex was one of those considered for the position of Baron (first captain or brigade commander) of the corps of cadets. He was appointed one of eight company commanders. The appointment meant he ranked quite high in the estimation of his tactical officers.

Alex got into difficulties early in his senior year. This was compounded by family problems, which led to his leaving the Academy and finishing law at the University of the Philippines. But his love for the Academy has never waned and he has generously contributed to efforts aimed at making the PMA an institution our people can be proud of.

Regarding the PMA, Alex says: "It is important for the Academy to give its students some room for mistakes. For everyone needs to be given a second chance. For it is in the second chance that a person is allowed the opportunity to correct himself. It is therefore in the second chance that a person grows and learns and matures. It is in the second chance where a person learns wisdom, the concept of right and wrong. This is where the spirit is fortified. This is how character is best developed.

"On a personal note, I sometimes think of what would have become of me had PMA given me a second chance to correct my mistake. . . I think I would have become a good soldier, as good a soldier as I had dreamed for my country.

"PMA has been good to me. Somehow, it liberated me from the hellish environment of my home at that time. It taught me to dream of big dreams, it taught me how to be strong despite having a frail and asthmatic frame. But more important, it taught me the righteous path."

The armed forces may have lost a good man in Alex Lacson. But there remains hope for our country because of people like him. (For copies of his book, alacsonph@yahoo.com, or Tel. No. 840-0338 to 41.)

Raul and 'Lola Afric'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THEY called him an "honorary woman," and true to his nature and his advocacy, former Sen. Raul Roco didn't seem to mind it at all, and in fact basked in this appellation.

He may have received the "title" for drafting and successfully pursuing the passage of the "Women in Nation building Act," which laid to rest several gender-based biases in our laws. But even before this and long after it, Roco was a champion of women's rights and equality before the law. I remember the years when the progressive anti-rape bill was going through an excruciating deliberation in Congress; Roco provided valuable advice on ways to "tweak" the draft law and avoid possible pitfalls in the language of the legislation, as well as how to win more advocates. Actually, we couldn't have expected any less from the husband of Sonia Malasarte Roco, herself a feminist, women's rights advocate and educator. For if there was anything truly admirable in their marriage, it was Raul and Sonia's partnership, their mutually supporting each other in their pursuit of each one's causes and dreams.

There could not have been a bigger dream than that of the presidency, which Raul pursued twice, with Sonia proving herself his most ardent supporter. In his first attempt, he did better than most had expected, scoring impressive gains among the youth and demonstrating a solid hold on the loyalty of Bicolanos. But in his second stab at the presidency, despite early impressive showings in the polls and high credibility ratings, his campaign seemed to stumble and stall, crashing inexorably when he left the campaign shortly before the elections on reasons of health.

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RAUL Roco may have been "the best president the country never had," as the INQUIRER cleverly, and quite touchingly, put it. But his failure to make it to Malacañang should not detract from a proper appreciation of his role in our political life. From his stint as chief of staff of the late Sen. Ninoy Aquino to his participation in the anti-dictatorship movement and his career as a legislator, Roco proved his commitment to democracy and his enduring belief in the power of the law to right inequalities and address social problems.

Here's to Raul Roco, then. Here's to an "honorary woman" whose championship of women's causes and feminist ideals proved even more solid than those of some "real" women in positions of leadership. Here's to a man of amiability and generosity, despite reports of his having a temper. Here's to a loving husband and father and a doting grandfather. We may never know how the country would have fared under a Roco presidency, but we do know that the country has lost a good man.

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IN 1973, widowed suddenly after her husband, architect Jose Reynoso, succumbed to a heart attack, Africa Valdes Reynoso went into partnership with Hans Sy, son of tycoon Henry Sy, and opened "Sizzling Plate" in the food court of SM Makati.

Though she ran a successful eatery in the pioneering Valleson department store in Escolta shortly after World War II, "Lola Afric" was, at the age of 56, a relative newbie, having spent the previous 20 years as a full-time housewife, looking after her and Joe's nine children. But, her entrepreneurial instincts "unleashed," Lola Afric proved a formidable competitor. She rounded up her household help, dressed them in "civilian" wear and had them crowd in front of the "Sizzling Plate" stall, pretending to point to items on the menu board. In no time, curious diners were lining up along with the house help, launching "Sizzling Plate" as one of the most successful tenants of the SM chain of malls.

As the first enterprise to popularize steaks, which before had been enjoyed only by the moneyed few, as well as to serve the steaks in cast-iron "sizzling" plates, "Sizzling Plate" could be said to have democratized fine cuisine for Filipinos. Lola Afric's domain has since expanded to other eateries, from the "Sizzling Plate" restaurants in Baguio (owned by daughter Edna and her husband Mike Anton), and those in Legazpi City (owned by son Tito; "Steak Escape" (jointly owned by daughter Cecille and grandson Emilio); "Steak Break," a successful chain of "low-end, *masa*" versions of the steak stalls (owned by daughter Mia Laws); to "Pinoy Toppings" (owned by grandson Mike Anton); and "Steaks and Toppings" outlets of Mike's brother Carlos.

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THE "REYNOSO FLAIR" for good food and cuisine, which her children all attribute to Lola Afric, is likewise expressed in the work of three daughters: the eldest child Leni Reynoso Araullo who commutes from Los Angeles to Manila for regular teaching stints on cake-decorating and sausage-making; Sylvia Reynoso Gala, a well-known cooking instructor, writer and TV chef; and Lorrie, a chef-instructor at the Art Institute of New York who has trained so many chefs in New York's fine-dining establishments that she can book seats at even the most exclusive places at a moment's notice.

To celebrate Lola Afric's 88th birth anniversary, her children, with the indefatigable Edna at the lead, launched last Friday a book, "The Reynoso Flair: 80 Years of Lola Afric's Cooking," which documents, through family stories as well as recipes of Lola's specialties, her lifelong affair with food.

At that rambunctious affair, generations of Valdeses and Reynosos, as well as friends from Baguio and Manila, including the book's creative team headed by writer-editor Babeth Lolarga, mingled for book-signing and recollecting.

At the center of it all was Lola Afric, elegant in a piña gown, silently basking in the attention of a clan that has come to love her, not just for her cooking but most of all for the generosity of spirit that animates their family.

Change

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

WE tend to think of change as something to achieve rather than as something to recognize. We talk of effecting changes in our value system or in the structure of our society—little suspecting that the seeds of such changes have already been sown. It is my contention here that the continuing crisis in our national life may be no more than the symptom of the stresses created by uncoordinated changes that have taken place over many years in various spheres of our society. We only need to read the signs.

"Culture," says the anthropologist Clifford Geertz, "moves rather like an octopus—not all at once in a smoothly coordinated synergy of parts, a massive co-action of the whole, but by disjointed movements of this part, then that, and now the other, which somehow cumulate to directional change." What Geertz notes about cultures may as well apply to entire societal systems. Their various parts move in unplanned ways over time, without taking the whole mass with them as they head in one or other direction. The impulses toward change may come from any part, and their effect on the whole system is largely unpredictable. Some impulses are more consequential than others.

In her last State of the Nation Address, President Macapagal-Arroyo appeared to be guided by some version of this theory when she said that the nation's political system has lagged behind its economic system. She argued that our political problems are the outcomes of an outmoded presidential and unitary system of government. We may change leaders, she says, but if we don't change the system, the outcomes will be the same. She paints herself as a victim, and blames the system for the dysfunctions of her administration. To her, the solution is simple: change the form of government to a federal parliamentary government.

This shift in perspective from persons to systems is not entirely wrong, and indeed, it is time we focused on systemic change. But Ms Arroyo's analysis is flawed in at least two ways. First, she does not really tell us what changes have taken place in our economic life that would support the claim of an impending economic take-off. Second, she explains the crisis of her presidency merely as the result of a stalemate between executive and legislative powers, of the gridlock between the two houses of Congress, and of the tendency to use people power to oust a president who has fallen out of favor.

These gridlocks may be real, but to project them as the causes of Ms Arroyo's failure as a leader is to tax the imagination. What have they got to do with the practices that have become the emblems of her presidency—the massive and organized electoral fraud, the conversion of public funds into campaign largesse, the deployment of the military and the police for partisan politics, and the distribution of choice positions in the public bureaucracy as political rewards?

Ms Arroyo may indeed be the child of a dysfunctional and obsolete political system. But this system is dysfunctional not in the sense that it blocks governance but in the sense that it serves only the interests of those who monopolize political and economic life. And it is obsolete not in the sense that it lags behind an imagined economic take-off, but in the sense that it cannot contain the new political consciousness that is emerging among our people.

The word "dysfunction" has a precise meaning in the social sciences. It refers to outcomes that prevent the larger system from maintaining itself. A political system becomes dysfunctional when it can no longer set realizable goals and mobilize public effort toward their achievement. It is the story of our political life. Over the years, politics in our country has been a contest among rival factions of the elite. Governmental power is prized because it is the main factor in economic accumulation. Paul D. Hutchcroft, who studied the links between politics and banking in our country, used the term "booty capitalism" to describe this arrangement.

Something changed in our political landscape, and that change the elite did not anticipate. With the growth of cities and the spread of urban living, the old modes of voter management based on layers of patron-client reciprocity were eroded. Politicians found themselves having to spend more during elections. The two-party system that martial law killed could not be revived upon the return of formal democracy. As a result, political recruitment became dependent on "winnability," and mass media exposure became a crucial factor.

But most importantly, from the mid-'70s, something changed in our social landscape. Overseas work became the dynamic element in the country's economic life. OFW remittances funded the college education of millions of young people from poor families. Consumption patterns throughout the country changed overnight. Television sets and personal computers became ordinary fixtures in many OFW homes, making way for new forms of consciousness. Returning OFWs brought home with them new values, new expectations about the role of government, and new notions about the basic entitlements of ordinary citizens.

The OFW phenomenon is an impulse that is revolutionizing our way of life beyond what we can imagine. Its overall impact is pulling our political system toward greater democracy, more transparency in government, and more accountability in public life. Politicians rooted in the old ways of patronage and corruption, like Ms Arroyo, are increasingly unable to take leadership roles in this emerging society. This crisis is telling us that the old is dying, and something new is about to be born.

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Another crossroad for Saudi Arabia?

COMMENTARY

Mai Yamani

SAUDI Arabia's decade-long, royal death watch is over. King Fahd, the longest-serving king in Saudi Arabia's history (24 years), is dead. For six weeks, the King lay in a hospital fighting death—something he has been doing, in reality, ever since he suffered a massive stroke 10 years ago. The identity of the new king is clear, but not of the one who will really wield power.

As the political underlings of Marshal Tito felt when he was dying in a divided Yugoslavia, the King's royal relations (also his political underlings) feared that the ruler's death would unleash chaos. And his death came at a time when the wider Middle East is abuzz with talk of democratic change. From Egypt to Lebanon to Iran, political passions are mounting, along with a renewed optimism. Street demonstrations, elections and political debate in cafés and on the Internet are flowering as never before. Even the conservative states of the Arabian Peninsula are embroiled in lively disputes about women ministers, Shia representation, Islamist participation in the political process, and even the future of their ruling monarchies. In these dynamic circumstances, Saudi Arabia stands out.

Indeed, Saudi Arabia seems trapped in a state of suspended animation, its body politic sick and infirm. The country is caught between two choices: progressive reform or continuing paralysis and decay.

Divisions in the kingdom are sharper than ever, and the King's death might deepen them further. Two rival camps—the so-called reformers and the hard liners—are forming in the Al Saud, the world's largest ruling family, with 22,000 princes and princesses.

The reformers have less authority but are the acceptable face of the Saudi dictatorship internationally. Their new leader, King Abdullah, appears to have legitimacy because of his seniority in the family. The reformers talk about partial municipal elections, national dialogue and the rights of women, who they hint may one day even be allowed to drive cars!

Even these limited efforts are obstructed by the hardline Wahhabi camp, which controls the security forces, the judiciary system and the real levers of domestic power. Indeed, Prince Naif, the minister of the interior and leader of the hardliners, has either silenced or imprisoned hundreds of the key Saudi reformers.

One reason for the weakness of Abdullah's faction is that he has scant support within the family because the Al Saud center of power lies with the al Fahds—the six full brothers of the dead King Fahd, most importantly Prince Sultan, the defense minister, and Prince Naif. On the surface, the succession has proceeded as expected, with Crown Prince Abdullah becoming king now that Fahd has died. In spite of this, Abdullah may not be able to shape the future, because he seems doomed to lose any showdown with Naif's forces.

Abdullah's power base is in the National Guard, and his claim on the support of Saudi Arabia's modernizing forces. Both are insufficient to check Naif. A key early test of Abdullah's kingship will be his success in freeing the hundreds of political reformers now in prison, especially three respected academics whom he encouraged to make reform proposals, only to be incarcerated by Naif.

Now that King Fahd is gone, old scores among his numerous brothers and half-brothers, not to mention the thousands of princes in the next generation, will need to be settled. But don't look for hope in the new generation, which is not necessarily young or progressive. Indeed, the Al Saud clan's third and fourth generations are divided not only in political and religious affiliation; they also range in age from 20 to 90 years old. All await a chance to rule.

So Saudi Arabia's people confront this key question: can an authoritative ruler emerge who will reunite the country in the progressive tradition of the late King Faisal? The sad likelihood is that, given the power of the obstructionists under Naif, a decisive and energetic king is unlikely to emerge. The direction the country will take in the longer term can best be assessed by whom Abdullah chooses to name as the successor to Prince Sultan, Naif's chief ally who has already been named Abdullah's heir.

If Abdullah (aged 83) skips a generation and appoints a more open-minded younger figure, there may be hope. But Naif (age 77), his full brothers—including Sultan (age 82)—and their supporters within the Wahhabi establishment appear too entrenched to allow that to happen. Like the geriatric successions that preceded the collapse of the Soviet Union, the succession in Saudi Arabia seems to be only a step short in an inexorable march toward political decay. Russia found a young reformer in Mikhail Gorbachev too late. It may also be too late for Saudi Arabia. *Project Syndicate*

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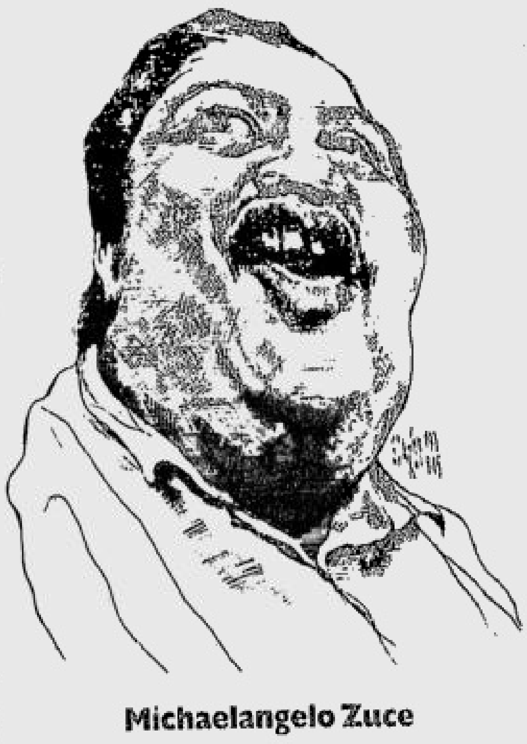

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Another look at jueteng

DESPITE a police crackdown on jueteng, the illegal numbers game and its variants are back in 14 areas nationwide, according to a private anti-jueteng group. The Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng said gambling operators were back in provinces like Quezon, Batangas, Laguna, Nueva Ecija, Zambales, Tarlac, Bataan, Cebu and Cotabato, and cities like Bacolod, Davao and General Santos.

The Philippine National Police launched the crackdown on jueteng after a brother-in-law, husband and son of President Macapagal-Arroyo were accused of receiving payoffs from gambling operators. Now, Ms Arroyo herself is accused of benefiting from the underground lottery.

A witness has come forward and claimed that election officials were given jueteng money right inside the house of Ms Arroyo in Quezon City four months before the May 2004 presidential election. Ms Arroyo has denied the allegation.

Because jueteng is illegal, operators enlist the protection of authorities through payoffs. Legalizing jueteng can end the payoffs. But making the popular numbers game legal is an uphill battle as the Church is against it. In the meantime, jueteng operations and the payoffs will continue.

It's time jueteng feeds our poor, not politicians

By Emma Alday

Now we are getting a closer look at the real state of our nation. It is the jueteng payola that runs our country. For the longest time, I thought it was mere vow of obedience that makes low ranking officials obey orders from higher authorities to tamper with election returns.

From all appearances now, it is the payola that bought the souls of those to whom we entrusted our sacred votes. The hearings in the Senate are not yet over. As of now, from the evidence and witnesses coming out one by one, I cannot suspend my judgment on these issues. It is the illegality of the game that brings out the evil in our country.

Being a former religious, my support for the legalization of jueteng is a shock to many. Having stayed in a remote barrio for 28 years I came to understand why jueteng matters so much especially to the poor. If one goes to visit barangay residents in their home, many of them can show with pride the things they were able to acquire from jueteng winning... sala set, kitchenware, *sari-sari* store, refrigerator, tricycle, jeepney, roofing materials, etc... "*ibinibili kaagad para may masabi.*" Some, at the nick of time, often mothers who gave birth, were able to pay hospital bills.

Shock

When I became a councilor in my hometown, San Jose, Batangas, in 1995, I was shocked to find out that jueteng was being operated by the Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) and managed by three *pangulos* (chairs). They were allowed by the mayor to do so, hoping to receive more than the P200,000 in payola monthly that was being given at that time. I remember being handed an envelope with P2,000 by someone who said "*alam na ninyo kung saan galing.*" That was the first and last. I used it to hire workers to clean the river passing through our town.

Within the same week, I talked with our mayor questioning why he allowed the ABC to operate jueteng and operate it badly. I remember challenging him to allow an experiment on jueteng at the town level: give it back to professional operators. Payola will not go to anyone's pocket. It will be properly programmed, audited and bid out for at least P500,000.

Our concerned citizens, our parish priest, my colleagues at the Sangguniang Bayan supported my proposal. It was rejected by the mayor. Before I talked to the mayor for approval, word already went around and four interested jueteng financiers came to apply. It was then that I learned that in our town alone jueteng was netting P300,000 to P400,000 daily. This meant a net of P9 million to P12 million monthly at that time. I don't know how the payola money operates. But I was informed that it went all the way up to Malacañang.

In Regions 1 to 5, I was told, the net goes up to P80 million daily. This means P29 billion annually.

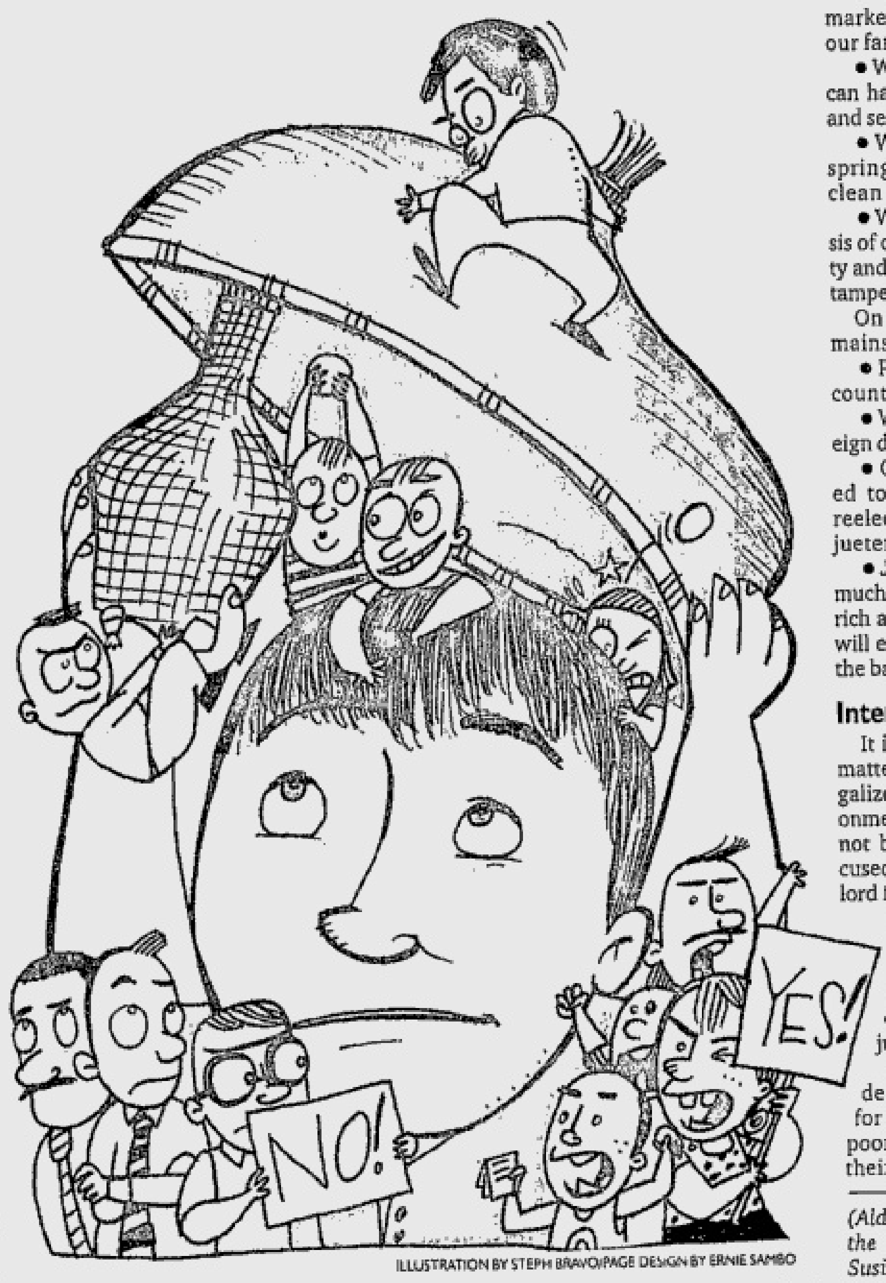
Hypocritical

To close our eyes to this reality and only "see" the issue of immorality, is "hypocritical." Think of what it can do to our country. Most of the money comes from the poor. If jueteng is legalized, it's the poor's money that will liberate our country from corruption and economic crisis.

Church authorities are staunch opponents of gambling per se because they say it is immoral. Some of them, though, benefit from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Philippine Gaming and Amusement Corp. and even sponsor bingo nights to raise funds for the construction and repairs of church buildings and for other parish activities. But it is unthinkable at this point that they will support the legalization of jueteng. But what about casinos, cockfighting, lotto, *pera o bayong*, *laban o bawi*, text promos of the different cell phone companies, etc.? Compared with these games, jueteng benefits a bigger population of our poor in spite of the payola.

If jueteng is legalized:

- We can pay our teachers and doctors well. They can leave the DH and caregiving opportunities abroad to high school graduates or even to those who never got a chance to study after Grade 6.
- We can have well-staffed and equipped government hospitals and give quality service to those in the charity wards.



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- We can build more schools and provide free quality education for the underprivileged and pay appropriate salaries to qualified teachers committed to nation building.
- We can construct more farm-to-market roads and irrigation facilities for our farmers.
- We can subsidize our farmers so they can have a good price for their products and sell them at affordable prices.
- We can rehabilitate our rivers and springs to make our air and water clean again.
- We can choose our leaders on the basis of commitment, integrity and capability and hope that vote buying and election tampering will be things of the past.

On the other hand, if jueteng remains illegal:

- Payola will continue to rule our country.
- We will forever be dependent on foreign debt to cope with our budget deficit.
- Our choice of leaders will be limited to unscrupulous candidates, often reelectionists empowered by the jueteng payola.
- Jueteng money from the poor is much bigger than the taxes paid by the rich and will sustain corrupt officials and will even be used against our poor under the banner of compassion.

Interconnected

It is naïve to think that this is a simple matter. A president who attempted to legalize it is now on his fifth year of imprisonment. The one who took his place does not believe in legalization. She was accused of having been funded by a jueteng lord from the very beginning of her political career. She now faces a worse scandal because the latest accusations against her seem to show that her post was bought by jueteng payola. Hello Garci, Jose Pidal and jueteng payola are interconnected.

Let us legalize jueteng. For decades it has fed politicians hungry for power. It is about time it feeds our poor who hunger for food. After all, it is their money.

(Alday is a former sister of the Religious of the Good Shepherd. She is now chair of Susi Foundation Inc. in Tiaong, Quezon, which offers training to farmers and provides them with financial assistance for crop production.)

Legislation won't solve the problem of gambling

By Fr. Delfin S. Felipe

Gambling in the country indicates a fundamental flaw in our values. Mere legislation and enforcement of law will not suffice to eradicate illegal gambling.

For the average Filipino, work does not have as much value as rest and play. Rather, he tends to view games and amusements—whether it be for self, family or friends—as the end for which he ought to strive.

We need a reengineering of values to give work its rightful pre-eminence over rest and play and to establish a proper proportion between work and rest

The hormonal rush brought about by the prospect of victory—and even the occasional actual victory—can be obtained by a wide variety of morally acceptable means. That is why it is pathological to become fixated on just one form of recreation. It is that fixation that almost certainly leads to addiction, which destroys the person.

There are tranquil forms of recreation involving a different endocrinal mix, without provoking any rushes. The rewards of this kind of rest are interior, in contrast to the tangible prize of competition. Tranquil forms of rest do not provide the experience of intermittent victory, but they never fail to deliver a sense of well-being.

Lame excuse

One of the incontrovertible proofs that a person is addicted is when he or she begins to justify the gambling habit by calling it an "alternative source of income," which no sooner becomes the only means of income. This self-deception is characteristic of inveterate gamblers, who have resorted to this ploy as a means of "supporting their family" and even supporting the nation.

Past administrations have attempted to augment the national income by legalizing gambling.

The only moral way to sustain a family and a nation is through productive work. The only moral way to sustain the national income is through judicious use of government funds coupled with honesty and efficiency in revenue collection. Revenue through institutionalized, continuous and uninterrupted games of chance is wrong and counterproductive.

Deficiencies in parenting

When a person is destroyed by addiction, others are affected. In gambling, money merely changes hands, with very little production happening. But the greater costs are social.

Filipino parents today do not generally inculcate the virtue of industriousness among their children. We have forgotten that children should be raised to grow in virtue as they encounter life, and this requires allowing them to experience some challenges.

Middle and higher-income parents are perpetually acting as "shock absorbers" for their children. As long as it is within their power, they will not allow their children to do chores, to labor with excellence and to stand up for principle while it is still early. Children today are too soft.

Among the few parents who do allow their children to face some challenges, the motivation is always: so that they can enjoy life. This perspective is alien to the Christian outlook on life because it sets as an ultimate goal a kind of heaven—a false heaven—here on earth. Rather than serve others, they end up thinking that they should be served by others.

Economically marginalized parents are often no less nonchalant about imparting the right priorities. Because they cannot find work or are simply tired of low pay, they resort to games of chance in order to survive. As they wallow in cynicism and despair, their children are learning the fundamentals of gambling while playing in the streets.

Erroneous attitudes

There are two attitudes discernible among gamblers.

- **Play hard, rely on good luck.** The first one says "enjoy life." Do not exert yourself too much. Play! This smacks of hedonism with a strong fatalistic (*bahala na*) component: "*Sige, laro lang baka suwertehin.*" The value of work as the natural purpose of temporal existence is lost.
- **Work hard to play hard.** The second attitude says "work hard... to enjoy life." OK *na sana*, but in the end, the highest value is still on games and amusements.

As a matter of principle, there should be an appropriate ratio of work to play. As the saying goes: "All work and no play makes Juan a dull boy." But we must remember that "All play and no work makes Juan a poor boy."

In the Philippines, the balance has been tilted for too long in favor of play, play, play. Everything, including the election to high office, is reduced to a game.

What we face today is the urgency of setting our minds, hearts and hands to diligent and productive work.

Paradigm shift

Consider the contrast between a culture of gambling versus a culture of work. *See table below.*

GAMBLING	VS	WORK
Fun		Effort
Chance		Discernment
Reliance on luck		Reliance on skill
Mediocrity		Excellence
Greater probability of loss		Greater probability of gain
Distraction and diversion		Focus and attention
Little or no productivity		Productivity and development
Defeat in global economy		Gains in global economy

Now it is easier to understand why legislation and law enforcement alone ca never solve the problem of gambling. It i first a concern of education and cultur before it becomes a matter of law.

(Fr. Felipe is connected with the Ministry f Family and Life, Archdiocese of Manila. This a ticle is a shortened version of Felipe's paper "A Healthy Proportion of Work and Rest: Reflection on the Filipino Fixation on Games and Amus ments as Viewed from a Christian Perspective.")

Anak ng jueteng

I was 10 years old when I began to understand the nature of my father's job. He's been our town's controller and for the past 15 years depended on jueteng for a livelihood. With a daily income of P200 to P350, he managed to provide his family with the basic necessities and to see four children through elementary school. Needless to say, we were no jueteng royals and I had to learn to earn my keep by the time I was a teenager.

I handled my father's night shifts and took bets to pay not only for my high school tuition but for my brother's college education too. We took turns working and studying so we could both graduate. I must've been the youngest *cabo* in the area at that time and it wasn't always easy. At school, everyone knew my father was a *cobrador* and what I was doing after class. I was embarrassed to tell my dates what my father did for a living.

Children from well-off families taunted and insulted me but there was nothing I could do. My father urged us to continue studying so we wouldn't have to make a career out of jueteng the way he had to. Now, I'm an encoder at a leading transcribing company but I remain grateful to and supportive of jueteng despite the stigma and the controversy that goes with it.

My siblings and I were raised solely from jueteng money only because my father had no other choice. He may not be the ideal role model but he was no different from other fathers who work hard to give their children a better future. Odd as it may sound, he was honest, a disciplinarian and had no vices.

I get annoyed when I hear people say the government should put an end to jueteng. I don't think they know what they're talking about. Their remarks reflect how quick they are to judge and the cloud of ignorance that surrounds them. They don't realize how many families depend on jueteng just to eat. I don't deny there is money to be made in jueteng but definitely not by the little people like my father. He's still not a millionaire and doesn't own a car or motorcycle after almost two decades in the business.

For someone like me, it's difficult to think of jueteng as a menace to society when it put a roof over our heads, gave us an education and filled our stomachs. We never got this much from the government or the Church!

Since the crackdown on jueteng, my father tries to live off our tiny *sari-sari* store but he will not survive for long without his income from jueteng. My youngest brother stopped going to school to find work to help out. My mother lies helpless in a hospital bed worrying about how to pay for her operation. *Rene Martinez, 25, encoder, Batangas City.*

Colonel linked to coup kept in freezer

DAVAO CITY—The former commander of the Army's 404th Infantry Brigade, Col. Ricardo Morales, who was relieved on June 10 following suspicions that he was among those plotting to destabilize the government, remains in a floating status.

A PMA cadet stands in the rain during turnover rites at the military academy.

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Brig. Gen. Jose Angel Honrado, military spokesperson and chief of the Civil Relations Affairs of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said Morales, of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1977, has not been given specific assignments since his e-mail, which criticized the military's spending for the controversial Boracay project, became public.

The e-mail, which was sent out on May 31 read: "How can a 60-room resort in Boracay improve the AFP's capacity to fight? Who decided this priority?"

"The time has come for all good men to come to the aid of their society. The time for talking is over; the time for action is now… The next coup will be peaceful and open. Enough of the leaders who talk about reform but do not understand what they are saying. Enough of this organizational stupidity," Morales wrote.

In a memorandum dated June 9, incoming AFP chief and Army commander Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga told Moralés that "as brigade commander, it is out of bounds for you to criticize decisions made by higher headquarters in just any forum; more so, speak ill of the AFP leadership."

After Senga's memorandum, Morales was sacked as brigade commander.

Brig. Gen. Ferdinand Bocobo replaced Morales as acting 404th IB commander, but was later replaced by Col. Florante Martinez.

Martinez was relieved few weeks ago and was succeeded by Col. Antonio Amodia.

"Colonel Morales has undergone a disciplinary action for lack of good judgment and indiscretion not appropriate for a military official. A specific position has yet to be given to him," Honrado said.

But retired Air Force Lt. Col. Zacarias Morales, Morales' father, said he is proud of his son.

"I am proud of my son, Dick. So is my wife and our family. So are the many who express support for him—for his courage to denounce anomalies that erode the AFP. Now, Dick has to face the consequence—relief from his command and an uncertain future late in his career," he said in a message to the Plebs and Cavaliers, a member-only message board of about 500 PMA cadets and graduates.

The elder Morales said his son, "a product of our country's middle class, the public school system and his own principles," had joined other soldiers in the Edsa I Revolution that toppled Marcos and restored democracy in the nation.

"(But) he opposed and fought every attempt of coup plotters to grab power after Edsa. He has put his life on the line each day like the true soldier he is. Twice he was wounded in action," he said. *Anthony S. Allada and Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

ROUNDUP

6 killed in collision

BACOLOD CITY—Six passengers died while 28 others were injured when a 10-wheel cargo truck slammed into a jeep at around 3 p.m. on Monday in Hacienda Gaston, Barangay Punta Mesa, Manapla, Negros Occidental. Manapla police chief Fructuso Lim said investigation showed that the Isuzu truck, driven by a Rafael Cunanan, swerved and slammed into the incoming jeep bound for Victorias City after its left front tire was detached. The strong impact caused the vehicle to turn turtle several times, he said. Only one of the cargo truck's 45 passengers bound for a sugar farm in Manapla was hurt.

Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Threats to Bayan Muna

MATI, Davao Oriental—At least 12 Bayan Muna members here claimed they were threatened by motorcycle-riding men, who introduced themselves as operatives of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG). Raffy Madanlo, a Bayan Muna official, said they were putting up anti-Gloria materials on Thursday last week when the CIDG operatives arrived. "They ordered us to stop and destroy all our propaganda materials against the President because if we didn't, they said we will suffer the fate of our four colleagues who were killed in Tagum City," Madanlo said. To avoid harm, they hurriedly left the area but the suspects chased them up to the Bayan Muna office here, he said. "We were really terrified," Madanlo said. SPO4 Virginia Ancajas, officer in charge of the Mati police office, said the militants did not report the alleged threat to them.

Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

3 drown in mine dam

OLONGAPO CITY—Three men drowned in a mine tailings dam in San Marcelino town last week. Police said brothers Herman and Ulysses Nillas and Norberto Eustaquio, all of Barangay Buhawen in San Marcelino, were last seen alive on July 26 while retrieving scrap metal in a barge that sank in the tailings dam of the Benguet Dizon Silver Mines Inc. Supt. Romeo de Castro, Zambales deputy police director, said Herman dove first at 10 a.m. that day and began retrieving parts of the barge but failed to surface. His companion, Eustaquio, tried to locate him after an hour, but he also failed to surface. Herman's brother, Ulysses, tried to find the two but he also drowned. Rescue workers recovered their bodies at 3 p.m. on July 27.

Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Fishers rescue 5 passengers

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—Fishermen rescued five passengers of a boat that capsized off the coast of the Pacific Ocean in San Luis, Aurora, on Wednesday, police said. Fisherman Marcelino Agtuca, 64, and four members of the Conmigo family identified as Joseph, 34; Asela, 32; Nickie, 10; and Nicole, 1, were plucked alive from the waters off Dibut Bay almost five hours after their boat capsized, according to Senior Insp. Leandro Novilla, commander of the provincial police mobile group in Aurora. The waves were strong in the area at the time. The passengers survived by holding on to the boat's outrigger until a group of fishermen noticed them, reports said.

Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk

I killed in robbery

LUCBAN, Quezon—An oil mill employee was killed while another person was seriously wounded after three suspected hold-up men robbed the passengers of a jeepney in Barangay May-it Manasa on Monday. A police report identified the victim as Leonard Obnamea, 50, a resident of Lucban and an employee of MIDC Oil Mill. Investigation showed that the victim had just withdrawn P300,000 from a bank in Lucena City. When the jeepney reached an isolated spot along the route, three male passengers announced the robbery. The victim resisted and tried to protect the money but was immediately shot by the suspects in different parts of the body. He died on the spot. One of the passengers, Arvic Tagalugan, a resident of Makati City, was hit by stray bullets.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Clean toilets planned to draw tourists

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—Travelers along Halsema Highway, the Cordillera's major road network, need not complain anymore about stinking public toilets along the route as the Department of Tourism is all set to make these facilities cleaner and more tourist-friendly.

DOT officials said some of these toilets, found in major destinations and pit stops, had turned off tourists and residents because of their "very bad smell."

Purificacion Molintas, Cordillera DOT director, said a task force that would ensure the cleanliness of public toilets along Halsema has been formed by the DOT, the Department of Health, the Department of Interior and Local Government, and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Molintas said priority would be given to the toilets at the view deck on Km 54 in Barangay Sayangan, Atok, known as the highest point of the Philippine highway system.

Motorists, however, had complained that the toilet underneath the deck stank.

Molintas said the DOT and the Atok local government submitted to the DPWH a rehabilitation plan worth P400,000 to improve the deck.

She said the repair of toilets is crucial for tourists who travel from Baguio City to Bontoc, Mt. Province, and from Bontoc to Banaue, Ifugao.

Molintas, however, said the toilets were not really neglected by tourism officials or local government units.

"It is actually the lack of water and water facilities that make these toilets dirty and unacceptable to travelers," she said. *Delmar Cariño, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Vice gov's son accused of rape

PAGADIAN CITY—A scion of an influential political clan here found himself in the middle of another scandal when he allegedly raped a 20-year-old nursing student on Monday evening.

Ranier Ariosa, former Sangguniang Kabataan president here and a son of Zamboanga del Sur Vice Gov. Roseller Ariosa, allegedly invited the victim, a student of the Medina College here, to a birthday party, which was being held at the house of the suspect's relative along San Jose District.

It was the victim's family that reported the rape to the police about 20 hours after the alleged rape took place.

Reporters who browsed the police blotter noticed that the incident report was marked "not for press release."

Police refused to explain the marking.

A brother of the victim said his sister was made to take alcoholic drinks at the party.

Around 11 p.m. Monday, the victim was brought by a female friend to the hospital, because she started to bleed profusely.

When the INQUIRER tried to seek comment from officials of the Zamboanga del Sur provincial hospital, where the victim was brought, no one was willing to talk. *Michael Sarcauga, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Hope is bright for the ARMM polls

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Marawi City

MIDDLE of July, a group of Maranao youths distributed flyers inviting young people to a forum-cum-seminar about the upcoming election in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

The activity, which was graced by Commission on Elections Commissioner Resureccion Borra last July 17, was entitled, "Young People: May Paki ba sa Eleksyon at Gobyerno ng ARMM? (Are they involved in the elections and the ARMM government)"

Muslim youth leader Samira Ali Gutoc Tomawis said the youth are more involved in the present election in the ARMM than in previous ones.

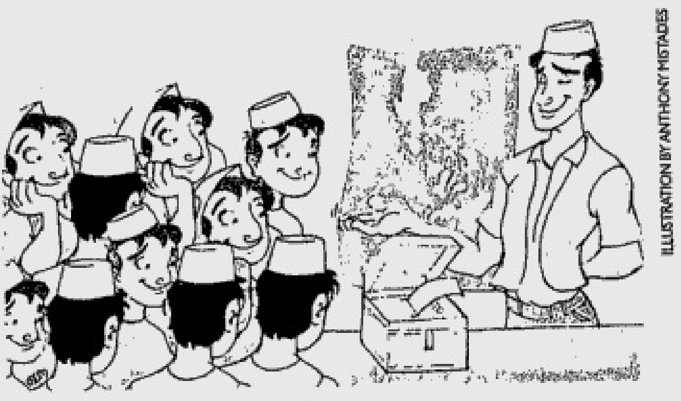
Mobilized by the Catholic Church's Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), volunteers belonging to Transparency and Accountable Network, Maradeka, Marawi Darangen Jaycees and the National Youth Parliament Alumni Association-Mindanao were very active in conducting voter education. Come voting day on August 8 and until the winners proclaimed, they, too, will serve as election monitors.

Their active participation in this political exercise comes at a crucial time for the ARMM.

Dr. Camar Umpa, a political scientist and president of the Mindanao State University (MSU), said tomorrow's election is a critical one. "It will determine the future of the ARMM."

Umpa said the ARMM as "at a crossroad," awaiting redemption as an institution that will either advance the democratic aspirations of the Bangsamoro, or further slide into irrelevance.

"Those who care about democracy are concerned with the ARMM elections," Umpa told participants in a stakeholders' dialogue on the polls sponsored by the MSU.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He said previous administrations were not effective in carrying out their mandate because they succumbed to the "dictates of imperial Manila" and that they also "were not very good leaders."

Sneak peek

The ARMM was created in 1990 as an avenue for Muslim self-governance to assuage the clamor for an independent Bangsamoro state carved out of Mindanao. This political aspiration spawned two decades of Moro armed resistance that led to the death of some 150,000 people and displaced millions.

Neglect of the needs of Muslim communities by the Christian-dominated central government is blamed for the dire socio-economic life of the Bangsamoro people then, which in turn bred secessionism.

But 14 years after the first set of ARMM leaders held office, the region continues to be deeply mired in poverty.

For a decade now, the ARMM is ranked the poorest region in the country, contributing less than one percent to the nation's gross domestic product. It suffers from inadequacy in social services as basic as potable water and education. Only 11 percent of children who enter Grade 1 finishes Grade 6.

Amerodin Cali of the Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society Organizations said a survey showed that the ARMM is 96 percent dependent on national government subsidies to support its fiscal requirements.

There is also a wide perception of corruption in the ARMM bureaucracy.

Quoting a survey, Cali said it is no surprise why the ARMM constituency is apathetic about the regional government: only a fourth is aware of its programs and projects; less than a third of residents can recall the names of their representatives in the regional legislative assembly.

Further, almost three quarters say it is useless to pay taxes because of corruption and only 15 percent say the regional government has a great impact on their life.

Credibility

At no other time in ARMM's history is good governance a ringing challenge. And it starts with electing good leaders, which in turn, can only happen in a credible election.

This is the central issue hounding the ARMM elections amid the national controversy about the alleged rigged election results of the 2004 presidential race.

Tomawis said it is the young Muslims who are very vocal about their apprehensions of fraud.

"They are very emotional about it because it casts a bad light not just on Comelec but heavily on them, their communities [and] their collective identity as a people," she said.

In the July 17 forum, a young Maranao rallied his fellow youths to "guard the Comelec" to prevent fraud from happening again. His emotional appeal elicited a hearty applause from the audience.

In another forum at the MSU, lawyer Ray Sumalipao, assistant Comelec-ARMM director, vowed to redeem the poll body's tarnished image and prove its detractors wrong by having a credible election.

Foreign governments, too, are very concerned about how the ARMM election is conducted. The United States government, through the US Agency for International Development and aided by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems had supported civil society initiatives for voter education and election monitoring.

In addition, it is sending around 20 election observers in the region, who will join others from Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia.

There is high expectation these observer missions would deter fraud and inject confidence into the electoral process.

Despite the credibility questions, the general outlook for a peaceful and orderly conduct polls is bright.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, chief of Task Force HOPE (Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Election), said the heat of the electoral contest among candidates is relatively low, especially that they have committed themselves to maintain order in the poll's conduct.

Dolorfino said threats of disruptions from the Abu Sayyaf and the Jemaah Islamiyah have been reduced with both groups on the run due to offensive actions from the Armed Forces.

Even the Misuari Breakaway Group of the Moro National Liberation Front has assured Task Force HOPE that they would not stand in the way of a successful conduct of the election, Dolorfino added.

Tomawis also said her group has begun to gather reports of money flowing from candidates. Still, she continued to bank on the positive developments to spur more changes in the way the region conducts elections.

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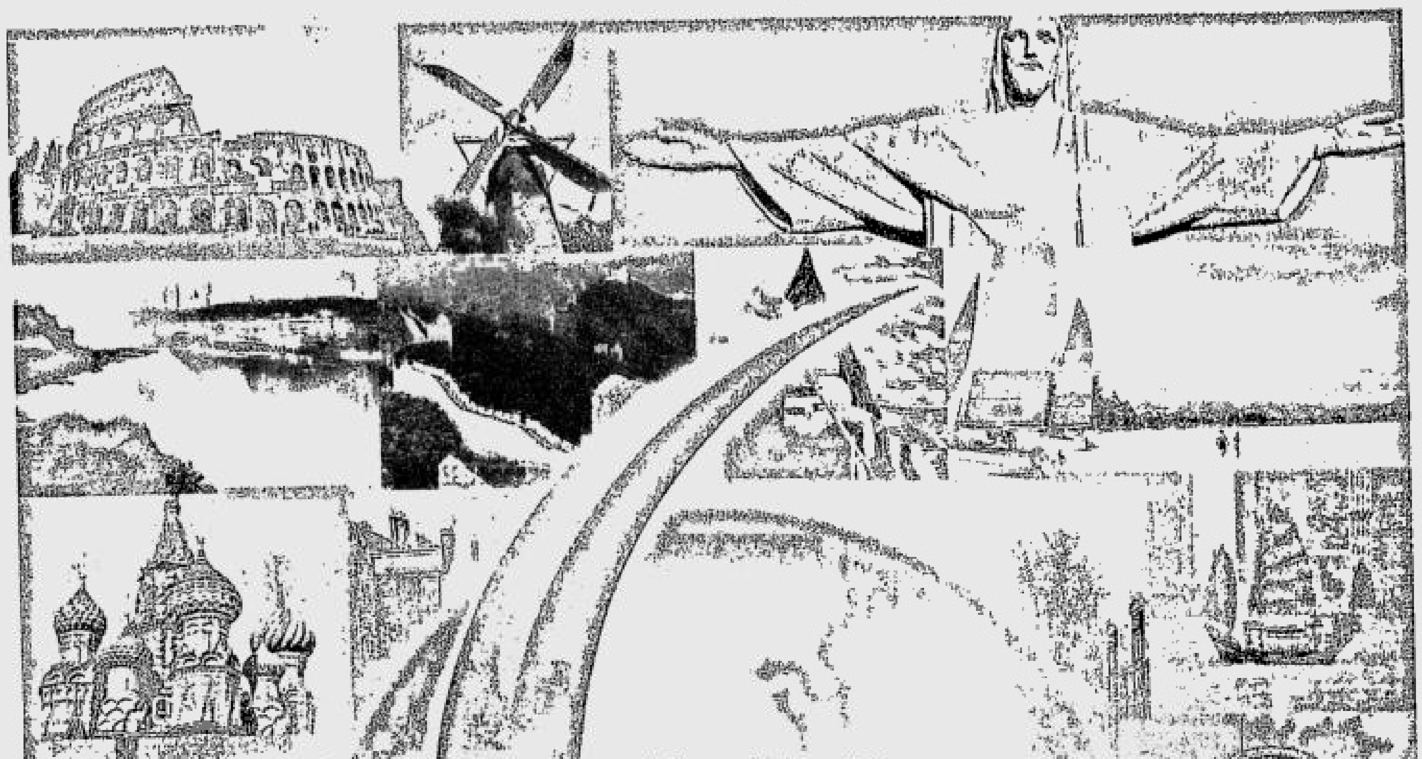

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(Marikina) Valley of the dolls

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

BESIDE a river, where clear water flows, a beautiful woman in white sits on a big rock while servants comb her hair. Around her are green trees and flowers and a dove rests on her left hand.

She is Maria Quina, a woman loved for her kindness. Her story is one of the tales explaining how Marikina City got its name.

And now her legend is being immortalized in a tableau of small dolls in elaborate costumes in a glass box, the first of the dioramas at the Marikina City Doll Museum.

Reputedly the biggest in the country, the museum has more than 500 dolls in 48 glass boxes that tell the history of Marikina and serve as reminders of many things that are now forgotten.

"The collection depicts the Philippines in a nutshell and the Filipino as a person," city cultural officer Tony Trinidad said.

P2M worth

The city government spent more than P2 million for the collection.

The tableaus are divided into several sections. The first, at least 11 tableaus of 132 dolls, depicts the history of Marikina City.

Maria Quina's story is followed by 22 tableaus showing what life was beside the Marikina River two centuries ago.

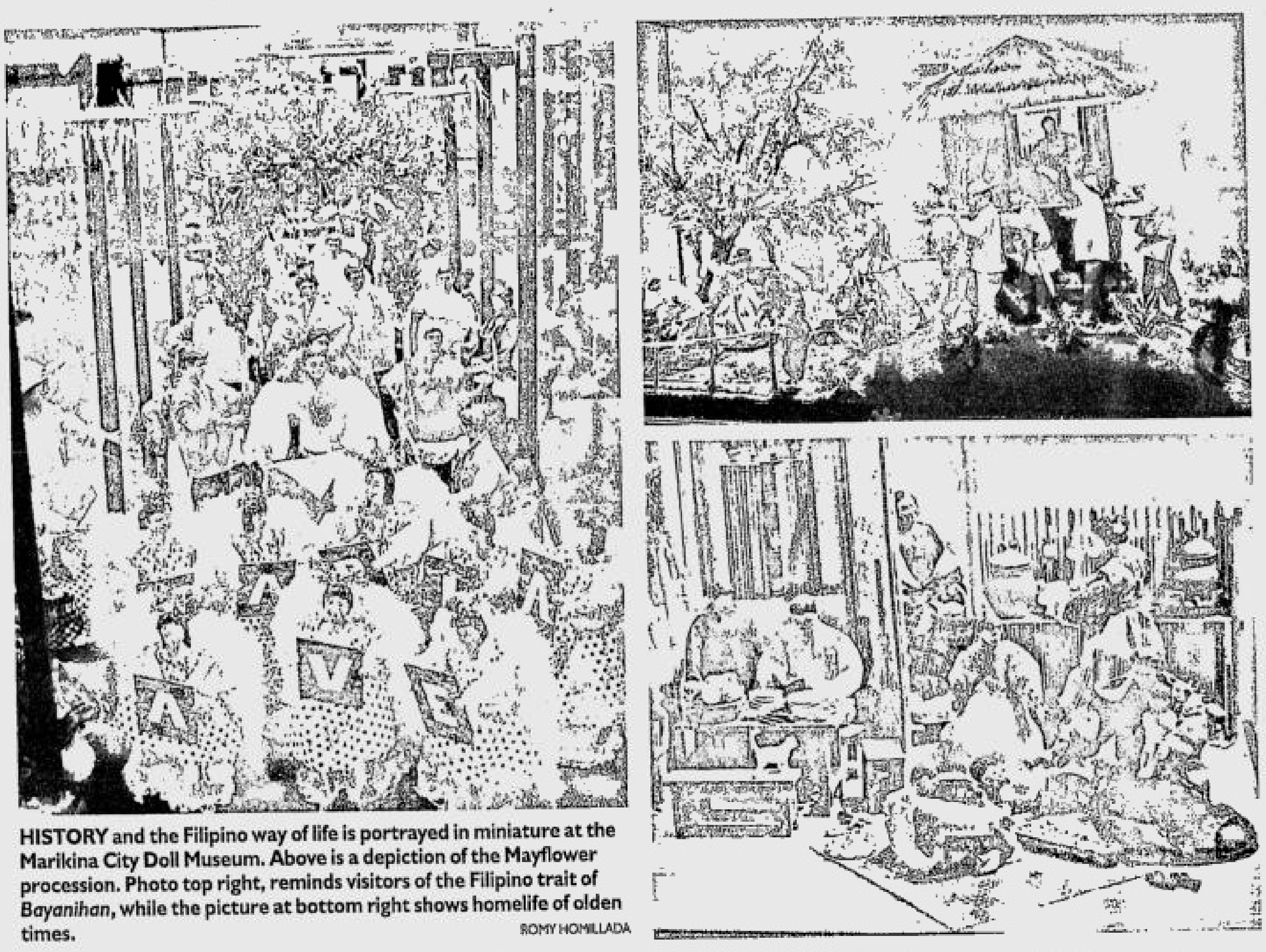
Another tableau is devoted to the birth of the shoe industry that made the city famous.

Others depict the city's different festivities, like the Lerion Dance and the *Ka-angkan* Festival, a parade of families who have lived in the city for over a century.

The first group ends with a 24-doll diorama of what Marikina City looks today.

Filipino customs and traditions, like *Pamanhikan*, *Harana* and *Pagmamano* are shown in the next group.

A tableau depicting the already forgotten *bayanihan* shows 10 men carrying a *nipa* hut. Two women are cooking while another, carrying a baby and her belongings, lead the men to the new location of the house.



HISTORY and the Filipino way of life is portrayed in miniature at the Marikina City Doll Museum. Above is a depiction of the Mayflower procession. Photo top right, reminds visitors of the Filipino trait of *Bayanihan*, while the picture at bottom right shows homelife of olden times.

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Detailed

The tableaus are very detailed.

One tableau, set in a backyard, has a small pen with two pigs and a wooden box for water. The dolls have slippers, necklaces and earrings. They carry baskets with mangoes, papaya and other fruits. In one tableau, a Spaniard buying a pair of shoes holds a roll of tobacco.

"The dolls were all hand-painted. The costumes made from Filipino materials, the same fabric we use for real costumes. We wanted the dolls to be very accurate depictions," Luz Escano said on behalf of fashion designer Patis Tesoro.

Tesoro and her group, *Balikatan sa Kaunlaran*, made, dressed and arranged the collection at the Marikina City Doll Museum.

The group opened a similar doll collection in Angeles City in 2002, the year Tesoro released her doll, Ninay, her answer to Barbie.

It inspired Mayor Marides Fernando to also have a doll museum in Marikina City.

20 artists

The city government commissioned Tesoro to make an initial 18 tableaus. Tesoro's team of about 20 artists took about two months to finish the initial collection, Escano said.

The museum opened in Feburary 2003 at the historical and century-old Kapitan Moy Building.

When the show became a hit-Fernando ordered more dolls.

While maintenance is cheap, since the dolls are in sealed glass boxes, the collection has to be stored in an air-conditioned room.

"We have recovered our investment in the first collection. We are optimistic we can recover the entire cost in the next two years," Trinidad said.

The biggest collections of dolls are in the tableaus of three Philippine Festivals—46 dolls in the *Santacruzan* alone.

A group of tableaus is devoted to the entrepreneurial skills of Filipinos and another group to games Filipino children used to play, like *palo sebo*, *patintero*, *piko*, *luksong tinik* and *basagan ng palayok*.

There are also groups of tableaus for Filipino dances, costumes, families and even pastimes. One tableau shows a family playing *sungka* inside their home, while the mother prepares a meal.

Culture

"These traditions and customs make up our culture. And culture is what and who we are as a people," Trinidad said.

He said, unlike paintings, the usual stuff found in museums, the collection, which was three-dimensional art, was easier to appreciate.

"The museum should be an eye-opener. People sometimes disregard culture when it should be appreciated," he said.

The collection is also more attractive to children, who might be interested in seeing games their parents used to play, which are now quickly being replaced by computer games and other pastimes involving minimal person to person interaction.

"This is putting life into what is just being read. These are traditions we no longer see today," Escano also said.

The museum was temporarily relocated to the City Sports Complex in April because the Kapitan Moy Building is currently being renovated. Entrance fee is P25.

Trinidad said the museum would be returned to the building later this year.

The city government is also planning to add to the doll collection.

"We still plan to expand the museum. There are other cultural practices we have not yet included. We want the museum to be a tourist attraction," Fernando said.

METROBRIEFS

Crime boss slain

AN ALLEGED crime boss was killed in a two-hour gunbattle with lawmen in Parañaque City Friday. And after the smoke cleared, nine other members of the so-called Jamin crime gang were in police custody. City police chief Supt. Ronald Estilles identified the lone fatality in the gun battle as Benjamin Ada, a native of Samar who reportedly fled to Manila after becoming wanted for murder. The fire fight Friday on Sta. Ana, Drive, Barangay Sun Valley, came on the heels of a buy bust operation to apprehend members of the group, which police said had been involved in bank robberies, drug trafficking and kidnapping. About 25 members of the Parañaque City police Special Weapons and Tactics team, Special Operations Group, and antidrug unit participated in the operation. ***Tarra V. Quismundo***

Recruiter falls

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has arrested 27-year-old Josie Castro Perez of Sampaloc, Manila, on complaints that she had been fooling people hoping to work in Saudi Arabia and Singapore. Since April, Perez had reportedly been recruiting applicants for supposed construction and domestic jobs despite the lack of a license. Perez reportedly demanded P18,000 from jobseekers for processing and placement fees, the NBI said. ***Tina G. Santos***

AUV countdown

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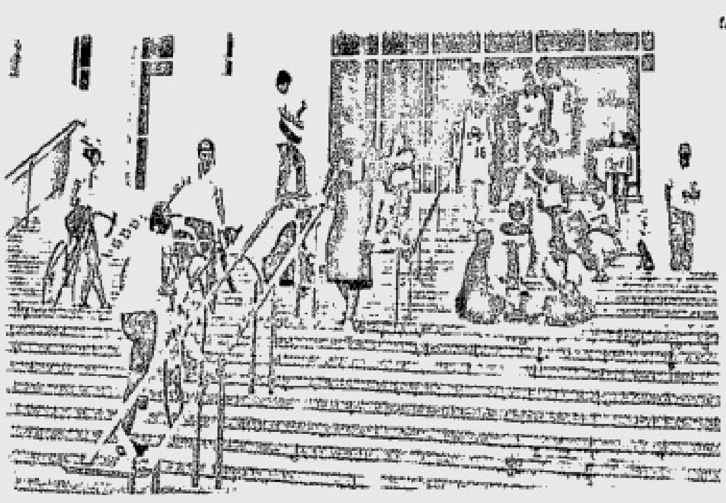

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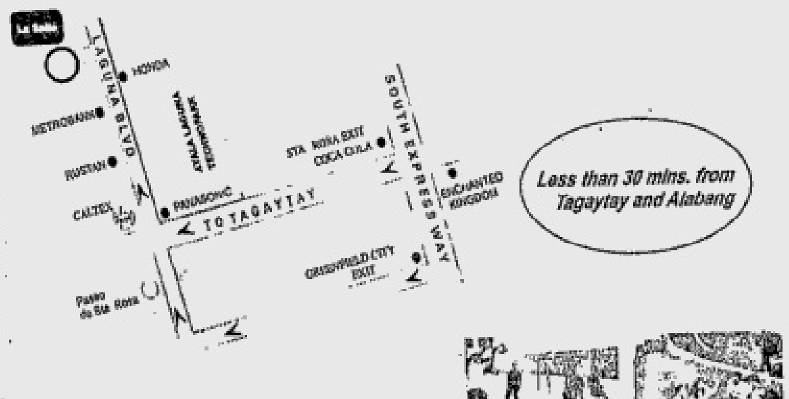

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Tams rip Maroons for sweep

PAUL Alelu Flores and RJ Rizada of FEU battle Marvin Cruz of UP for possession of the leather. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

By Jasmine W. Payo

THERE'S still no matching the solid play of the Far Eastern Tamaraws.

Brilliant all game, the Tamaraws trampled over the University of the Philippines Maroons, 75-67, yesterday to complete a sweet sweep of the UAAP senior basketball tournament's first round at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Far Eastern veterans were dominant the entire game, with Mark Isip leading the charge with 18 points and seven rebounds and Arwind Santos adding 16 points, nine rebounds and five blocks.

"They were very aggressive," said FEU coach Bert Flores of the Maroons. "We didn't expect the sweep, but this team has good camaraderie. We just have to continue working hard in the second round."

Earlier, defending champion La Salle wrapped up its schedule with a 4-3 record after demolishing the National Bulldogs, 91-70.

Joseph Yeo churned out his best offensive game this season, delivering 30 points on top of eight rebounds and five steals.

"I'm quite satisfied with where we are now," said La Salle coach Franz Pumaren. "It will be crucial in the second round, but we're still positive."

Last year, the Archers also took a 4-3 card into the second round before sweeping their remaining assignments and conquering the Tamaraws, 2-1, in the Finals.

The Bulldogs remained winless in seven games and all but bowed out of Final Four contention.

The Maroons, who fell into a tie with the Archers, pulled within 58-54 early in the fourth period.

Far Eastern also closed out the first round leading high school play after the Baby Tamaraws nipped the Junior Maroons, 80-78, for a 6-1 record. The Bengals blasted the Bullpups, 97-41, for a 5-2 card.

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The scores:

First Game (Srs)

LA SALLE 91—Yeo 30, Casio 11, Tang 9, Maierhofer 8, Cabatu 8, Araña 7, Aquino 5, Benitez 4, Co 3, Villanueva 2, Rivera 2, Cua 2, Mangahas 0, Barua 0.

NATIONAL 70—Fernandez 21, Flor 13, Asoro 10, Salvado 9, C. Catamora 8, Malcontento 4, D. Catamora 3, Tungcul 2, Lingao-Lingao 0, Jahnke 0, Estolano 0, Dela Cruz 0.

Quarters: 23-18, 41-34, 70-50, 91-70

Second Game (Srs)

FAR EASTERN 75—Isip 18, Santos 16, Mangahas 10, Rizada 8, Chan 8, Barcelano 5, Villanuava 3, Flores 3, Saldua 2, Fernandez 2, Dela Cruz 0.

UP 67—Cruz 17, Doruelo 16, Gavino 14, David 8, Vainio 7, Santos 4, Buyco 1, Padolina 0, Ferrer 0.

Quarters: 21-15, 39-31, 58-49, 75-67

NEW PBA POLICY

Aces dropping excess Fil-fors

ALVAREZ

By June Navarro

ALASKA has started to trim its roster under a new league policy limiting each team to only five foreign-bred players in the coming 2005-2006 Philippine Basketball Association season.

While the Aces got Tony dela Cruz from Shell, they released Rob Duat and Eugene Tejada in return in a celebrated deal last week that also saw 2005 Rookie of the Year and Turbocharger Rich Alvarez joining Alaska.

Also dropped was under-achieving point guard Rob Johnson, leaving Dela Cruz, Brandon Cablay, Mike Cortez, Jeffrey Cariaso, Sonny Thoss and Willie Wilson as the remaining Filipino-foreign players in the Alaska roster.

Alaska team manager Joaqui Trillo said Wilson would either be traded or re-signed to a new contract.

"He's (Wilson) too good a player to be on the reserved list. The coaching staff will definitely have a hard time thinking about the team's options on Wilson," said Trillo.

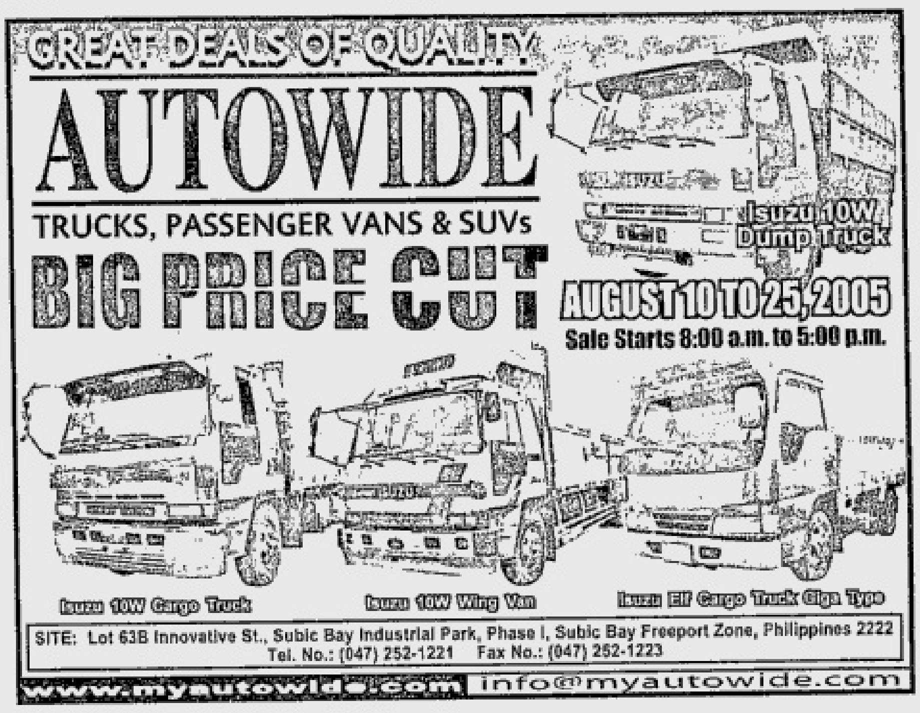
Two teams are interested in getting the services of the 6-foot-3 former De La Salle enforcer if Alaska decides to make him a free agent.

"There are two teams which are showing interest in him," said Trillo. League sources said the two teams are Talk 'N Text and Red Bull Barako.

The Aces will select sixth and 15th overall in the rookie draft on Aug. 14 at the Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall in Cainta, Rizal.

But Trillo said the team is more inclined to look at filling their roster from the free agents' market. The Aces are also not discounting a possible reunion with some of Alaska's players who helped the franchise win nine titles in the 90s.

Trillo said the door is still open to former Alaska players Poch Juinio, Bryan Gahol and Kenneth Duremdes, depending on the needs of the team.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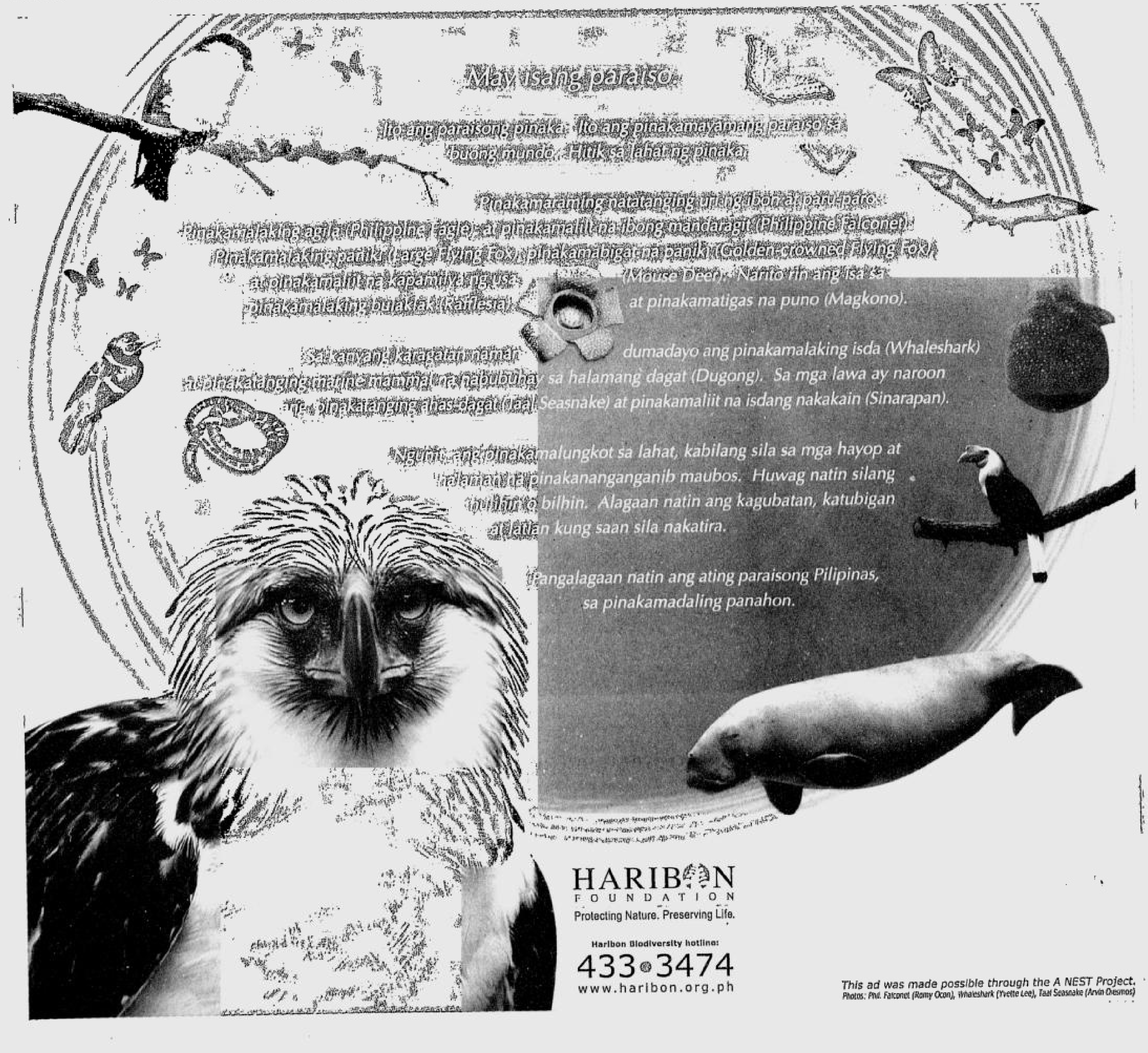
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The never-ending odyssey of 'Kabise'

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

IN 1987, Agriculture Secretary Ding "Kabise" Panganiban, a proud son of Tanauan, Batangas, shouldered Purefoods into the PBA for P4 million by buying the Tanduay franchise.

"Tanduay's asking price then was P5 million," Kabise said. "With a big help from Attorney Salud (Rudy, the much-respected former PBA commissioner), we clinched the deal at P4 million."

In its first year in the PBA in 1987, Purefoods brandished a starting five dubbed as the future of Philippine basketball-Alvin Patrimonio, Jerry Codiñera, Jojo Lastimosa, Nelson Asaytono and Glenn Capacio. The veterans in the team included Freddie Hubalde, Jayvee Yango, Willie Generalao and Padim Israel. The coach was no less than the Maestro himself, Baby Dalupan, with Ding "Kabise" Panganiban as manager.

Purefoods stashed away the All-Filipino crown that year.

Purefoods looked set to also capture the Reinforced title in 1987 but, unfortunately, the squad, with the mighty Thirdkill as its import, got pulled down by internal player-strife and eventually lost its way to the championship.

In 1994, seeking pastures not necessarily greener, Kabise left for a consultancy job that brought him to Asean countries.

In 1996, now stationed in Vietnam and while attending an *"asalto"* for FVR in Saigon tendered by Pepito Alvarez (dubbed Vietnam's "Auto King" for owning the first car dealership company there after the Vietnam War), Kabise was spotted from the crowd by FVR.

"What are you doing here?" FVR asked Kabise. "Go home. I'm set to appoint Sonny (Escudero) as agriculture secretary. You ought to be his undersecretary."

Back in his hotel room that night, Kabise received a phone call. It was Escudero.

"He wanted me back in Manila immediately," said Kabise. "I was not even in a three-star hotel and he was able to trace my whereabouts. I was flattered."

As Escudero's undersecretary, Kabise handled food production and finance operations. He held that position up to when William Dar (1998) and Edgardo Angara (1999) took over.

When Erap appointed Angara his executive secretary in 2001, Kabise became agriculture secretary.

"Secretary Angara and I had our oaths of office simultaneously on Feb. 28, 2001," said Kabise.

It was a short-lived stint for both.

On March 30, 2001, both lost their portfolios when Erap bowed to Edsa Dos and fled Malacañang.

Kabise went to the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization in Bangkok not long after, only to be recalled to the agriculture department in no time.

On the morning of July 2 this year, Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap had an early breakfast meeting with Kabise. Yap told Kabise he had resigned and has recommended Kabise to GMA as his successor.

"The President wanted me to give three names for her to choose from," Yap told Kabise. "But I told her I only had you in mind."

On July 15, Kabise's appointment as agriculture secretary was announced.

On July 17, a Sunday, Kabise took his oath of office at Malacañang.

On July 18, GMA's office got flooded with telegrams and telephone calls from all over the archipelago in praise of her move to appoint Kabise agriculture secretary.

"I didn't know you had that many fans nationwide," GMA told Kabise.

I say the best are usually not advertised.

I say Kabise is more than the FVR factor in the embattled GMA presidency in that Kabise makes for a good case of a GMA redemption in governance.

I also say anyone who deals with a sportsman is on the side of fair play, justice and humility.

"I've been an Agriculture man virtually all my life," said Kabise, who entered the department in 1961 straight from UP-Los Baños. "From Cong Dadong to her daughter, Ma'am Gloria, is a total of six presidents. It's been that long."

And that's not to mention seven fruitful years in the PBA as manager and coach-manager of Purefoods that netted him five PBA titles.

Here's to Kabise, a legend in his own right.

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WINNER: France's Mary Pierce serves to Switzerland's Patty Schnyder during their quarterfinal match at the Acura Classic in Carlsbad, California, Aug. 5. Pierce won, 6-4, 6-3. REUTERS

Hawks extend win run to 78

By Marc Anthony Reyes

NUMBER 78 came easy for University of Manila.

The Hawks routed debuting Holy Angel University, 88-55, yesterday to sustain its historic winning run in the National Athletics Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (Naascu) basketball tournament at the UM Gym.

Onofre Napiza shot 21 points and collared six rebounds as the Hawks showed their old ferocious form after scraping past University of Makati recently.

Allen Maliksi added 16 points and three rebounds, while Ryan Regalado chipped in 14 points, three rebounds and three assists for UM, which clinched its fifth win in the young tournament.

No one scored in double figures for the debuting HAU Flyers with Homer Dantes getting away with nine points and five rebounds and Froilan David contributing eight points and 12 rebounds.

Earlier, the Hawklets made it a double UM victory when it thrashed the Baby Flyers, 94-39.

Over at the Casa Milan gym in Fairview, New Era University beat St. Clare College, 76-68, to keep the solo lead in the junior division.

The Baby Hunters extended their winning streak to four games. St. Clare suffered its first loss in three outings.

The scores:

Third Game (Srs)

UM 88—Napiza 21, Maliksi 16, Regaldo 14, Bernados 7, Litonjua 5, Advincul 5, Ocampo 5, Santiago 4, Guimpatan 3, Delostrino 3, Jamil 2, Bucalen 2, Fernandez 1, Bonus 0.

HAU 55—Dantes 9, David 8, Ramos 7, Francisco 7, Morales 6, Tanglo 4, Garcia 4, Angosta 3, Manarang 3, Tungul 2, Lalic 1.

Quarters: 30-11, 50-26, 61-39, 88-55.

Baguio trips Mantawi five in NBC meet

BAGUIO CITY—The Baguio Lions relied on their bench to turn back the Mantawi Sparkling Nights, 96-92, Friday in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the St. Louis University gym here.

Melvin Fontanilla waxed hot in the third quarter, pouring in 15 of his team's 30 points to power the Texas Instruments/Beneco-backed Lions to an 80-75 lead which they never relinquished. Fontanilla, owner of the league record eight triples, finished with a team-high 25 points.

It was Baguio's bench, however, which provided the big surprise, scoring a season-high 40 points, led by Kit Mapanao and Jun Basco, who had 11 and 10, respectively.

Vice Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr.'s Lions scored their second win in seven games in the tourney supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Spring Cooking Oil, Sunbolt Sports Drink, Accel, Molten, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam, KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang), Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday-Plaza Cebu.

Hapee/Dewfoam-backed Mantawi's record fell to 5-4.

Action continues today with Spring Cooking Oil-backed Laguna facing Valencia Golden Harvest at Valencia gym in Bukidnon and the Sparkling Nights meeting the KSK Food Products-supported Parañaque Jets at the San Dionisio gym in Parañaque City.

Mantawi led 22-21 and 57-50 in the first two quarters, but without Ronald Capati, they yielded to the hot shooting of Fontanilla in the third and never recovered. Capati did not play as he joined the PBA Rookie Camp.

Mantawi dropped to fourth spot in the Southern Conference, Ozamiz leads at 7-2, followed by Tribu Sugbu (7-4), Iligan (6-4), Mantawi, Valencia (5-5), Iloilo (3-7), CdO (2-4) and Zamorte (1-8).

Forward Taguig is on top in the Northern Conference at 6-0, followed by Cavite (7-5), Laguna (5-3), Parañaque (5-6), Baguio (2-5) and Bacchus/Harbour Centre/Manila (0-4).

Mt. Malarayat hosting 4th Active Mid-Am Aug. 19

LIPA CITY—The 4th Active Group Mid-Amateur Open tees off Aug. 19 at the Mount Malarayat layout here with a full field of 120 players expected to sign up.

Only a few slots are left in the roster for the 36-hole event as titles in seven divisions will be contested, including one in the centerpiece. Open category.

Malarayat also hosted the 89th Philippine Open in May and the RP Senior Am in June.

Malarayat chair Antonio Turalba Sr. is sponsoring 50 percent of room rates for accommodation at the Country Club Hotel and The Inns to the players.

Last day of registration is on Aug. 14. Entry fee is P2,500 inclusive of practice rounds from Aug. 15-18. Call (043)7567007 (Melissa) or 8140743, 8937024 loc. 220 (Noemi).

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ABC-5 to show PGA tilt

TIGER Woods is looking to cement his supremacy on this year's majors but stealing the show and the US PGA Championship from Vijay Singh could be easier said than done.

ABC-5 air the last major championship of the year starting Friday at 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. The highlights of Day 1 will be shown at 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

ABC-5 will also air the Battle at the Bridges tomorrow at 11 p.m. to midnight, a made-for-television event pitting Woods and John Daly against Phil Mickelson and Retief Goosen.

The PBA-backed RP team's game against Kazakhstan in the recent William Jones Cup will be shown beginning at 4 p.m. today over at ABC Sports.

Fistorama airs today

FISTORAMA features this afternoon an eight-round bout in the flyweight division between William Macas and Louie Bantigue. Mini flyweights Alvin Mundala and Jomar Matbagon provide opening action. The bouts were held recently at the Lapu Lapu Sports Complex in Cebu and are shown worldwide through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. Fistorama, supported by Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon, is aired at 4 p.m., Sundays on RPN 9.

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FORMER Sen. Joey Lina (2nd from left) inducts incoming BAP vice president for Visayas Michel Lhuillier (2nd from right) and Region VII director Councilor Raul "Yayoy" Alcoseba (right) held Friday night in Cebu City. With them is Cebu City Vice Mayor Michael Rama.

M. Lhuillier to back national cage squad

TOP Cebuano businessman Michel Lhuillier has taken over from where his nephew, Jean Henri Lhuillier of Cebuana Lhuillier, has left off.

M. Lhuillier has forged an agreement with the Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) to bankroll the RP men's team that will participate in the Manila Southeast Asian Games this November if the Fiba (world basketball federation) ban on the Philippines is lifted.

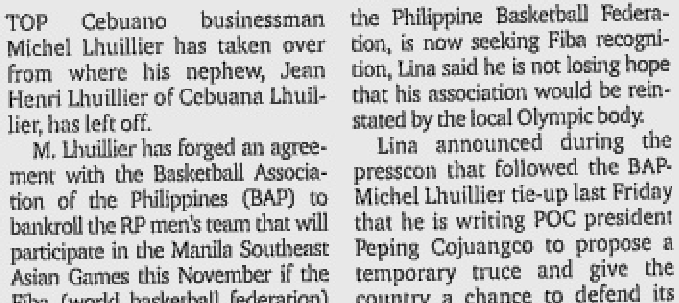
"We have to be prepared just in case the ban is lifted and our country is allowed to compete in the SEA Games," said BAP president Joey Lina. "We are forming a team for the SEAG which Michel has agreed to fund despite the uncertainty of the times."

Although the BAP has been expelled by the Philippine Olympic Committee and a new cage group, the Philippine Basketball Federation, is now seeking Fiba recognition, Lina said he is not losing hope that his association would be reinstated by the local Olympic body.

Lina announced during the presscon that followed the BAP-Michel Lhuillier tie-up last Friday that he is writing POC president Peping Cojuangco to propose a temporary truce and give the country a chance to defend its SEAG cage title.

M. Lhuillier said he was extending help to the BAP, "for love of country and for love of basketball."

Prior to the agreement with the BAP, Michel conferred with brother Philip, father of former RP team supporter John Henri, who endorsed Michel's decision to sponsor the Nationals, belying reports that the Lhuillier family is at odds with one another.



JUNIOR CHAMPS: Matthew Wilson R. Sia (left) won the best player award while his team, La Salle Greenhills, ruled the junior division of the adidas Streetball Challenge national finals. With him are teammates Nicolas Salva, Vince Fran and Marco Yulo and coach Hubert de los Santos.

2-year-old gallopers' series begins today at San Lazaro

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

CAN MANILA'S Smile and Pechanga live up to pre-race expectations?

Both gallopers try to raise their running level a notch higher when they collide with an equally promising cast of 2-year-old rookies at the start of the 2005 Juvenile Championship Series today at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

Manila's Smile is competing in the Juvenile Colts, while Pechanga sees action in the Juvenile Fillies. Although toting the best record of four straight victories going into this afternoon's assignment, Manila's Smile may find the going rough against Dixie the Younger, Don Exequiel, Golden Number, Key Element and Million Dollar.

An impressive 2-0 start has also earned Pechanga the favorite's tag but Straight Free, Kaligatan, Jet Sutter, Erica's Talent and Kat's Magic are all capable of halting her win run.

Manila's Smile hit the payoff wire first on three more occasions since breaking his maiden run last June 26 and working out last July 30, breezing through 800 meters in 52.5 seconds.

"*Tingin ko handa na siya* (I think he's ready)," said Jeffrey Ladiana, who will guide Manila's Smile in today's 1,400-m trip.

Posing as the biggest stumbling blocks are Dixie the Younger (Khozaam-Dixie Cup) and Don Exequiel (Bench Mark-Belle Epoque).

For Dixie the Younger, it will be a moment to prove that his sweepstakes win was not a fluke. He will also try to bounce back from his recent loss to Don Exequiel.

The only other entry notching a win coming into the race is Golden Number (Candi's Gold-Secret Number).

As for Pechanga, who will be handled anew by Antonio Alcasid Jr., the stiffest challenge in the contest also set over 1,400 m could come from Straight Free (Free Water-Straight Effort), Kaligatan (Bite the Bullet-Kayumanggi) and Erica's Talent (Wild Zone-Welsh Bunny).

The Juvenile Colts and Juvenile Fillies each carries a pot of P1 million, with the winning entries getting P600,000.

Last year's opening legs were won by Speed Majesty (Colts) and Lamborghini (Fillies).

Also slated today is a Class Division meeting over 1,500 m between recent Triple Crown rivals Real Spicy and Speed Advantage.

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Tierro trains his sights on Grand Slam

By Dennis U. Eroa
Inquirer Libre Sports Editor

THE ROAD to tennis' Grand Slam isn't a stroll in the park.

Ask Virgilio 'Beeyong' Sison, lone Filipino netter to experience all the Grand Slams—US, Australian, Wimbledon, French—during the '80s.

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"Trading strokes with the world's best players, rubbing shoulders with names who are byword in tennis were experiences I can't forget," recalled Sison, now president of the Subic Bay Sports Management Inc. "Nobody will."

Still possessing the zeal and touch of a true champion, Sison is again on the road to the grand slam.

This time, Sison, who still favors wooden rackets to today's high-technology brands, is busy charting the grand slam trip of prodigy Patrick John Tierro.

Only 19, the six-foot-one Tierro is considered the country's brightest hope for international tennis stardom.

Tierro heads a bunch of promising netters at the Subic Bay International Tennis Centers in Subic Bay who are being trained by Sison, once assistant national coach of Switzerland.

"Yes, once physical maturity sets in and three years of constant tournament exposure is attained, PJ can make it to the top 200 and will be in a position to qualify for Grand Slam events three years from now," said Sison. "With PJ's athletic skills and game, I feel he can be competitive. PJ is definitely a "material."

Sison said PJ's goal in the next 3-5 months is to get 20 more ATP points (No. 800 or 700 ATP) by competing in various ITF Futures Asia tournament. He is ranked 1100 in the world. Backed by sportsman-businessman Jean Henri Lhuillier of Cebuana Lhuillier, Tierro is presently campaigning in Indonesia.

National coach Martin Misa praised Tierro's showing recently against Lebanon in the Davis Cup. Tierro won both his singles matches in RP's 2-3 setback.

"PJ's game definitely improved since the tie with South Korea, especially when PJ came from ITF Thailand," Misa noted.

In an interview before his Indonesia trip, Tierro told the INQUIRER that he is happy with the way his career is shaping.

"I know that I can make it to the grand slams. All tennis players dream of making it to the grand slam," said Tierro.

Ringside TV Boxing today

ROY DOLIGUES shows off his cocky style against veteran Allan Fuentes in today's Ginebra San Miguel Ringside TV Boxing from 3 to 4 p.m. on ABC-5. The 10-round, 118-lb encounter being put up by Gelorde Enterprises Inc. and ABC-5, with the backing of Councilor Joseph Julco, took place at Barangay Project 6, Quezon City, as part of its fiesta celebration recently. The fight will also be shown in the US, Canada and Japan through Mabuhay Channel.

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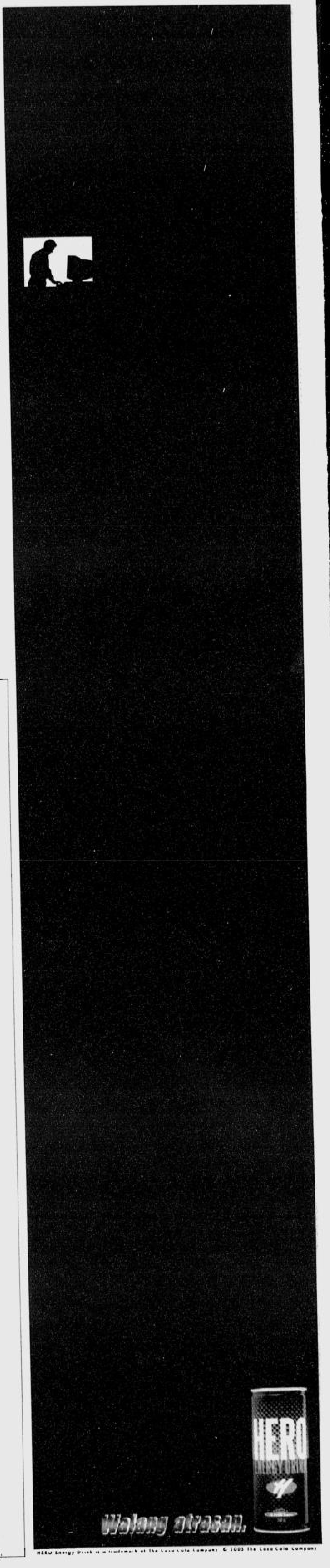

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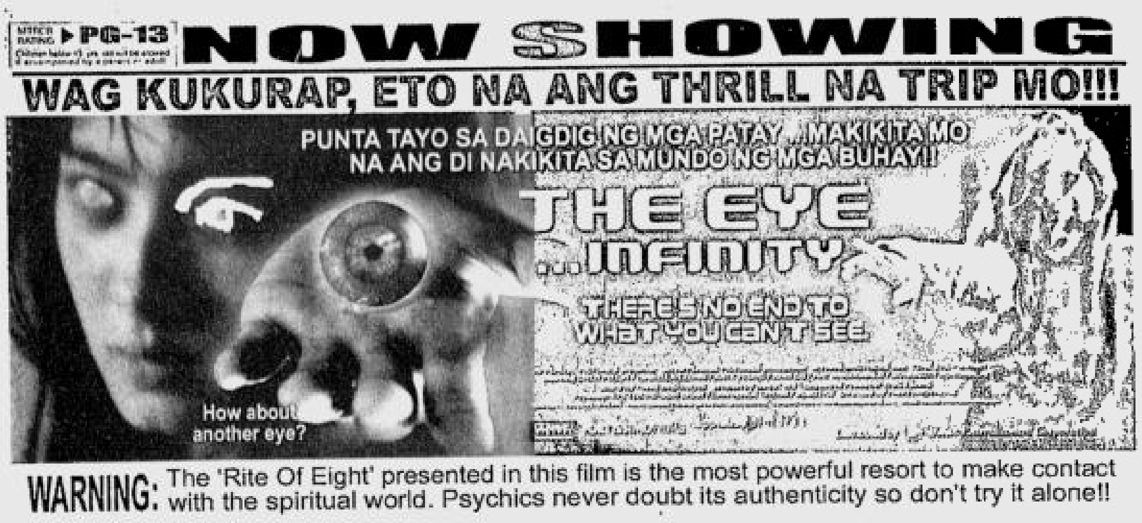
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Roddick sails to semifinals

WASHINGTON—Top-seeded Andy Roddick rallied to beat Croatia's Ivo Karlovic, 6-7 (7), 7-5, 6-4, and advance to the semifinals of the Legg Mason Classic on Friday.

Karlovic was two points away from winning the match in the second set, but Roddick rallied to tie the match and pounded out a win in the third set against his unseeded opponent.

In a match-up of two of the game's top servers, Roddick and Karlovic combined for 48 aces in a match that lasted 1 hour, 59 minutes in hot and humid conditions. The 2.09-meter (6-foot-10) Karlovic had 29 aces, raising his tournament total to 89.

"I don't think my serve compares to his serve," said Roddick, who won 86 percent of his first-serve points. "At least you can get a racket on mine."

Karlovic won the first set when Roddick double-faulted in the seventh tiebreaker, dropping the 2003 US Open champion to 20-16 in tiebreak opportunities this year.

In the second set, Roddick evened the match at 5-5 when he fired off a 214-kph (133-mph) ace and won the next two games to force a third set.

"It wasn't a whole lot of fun out there," said Roddick, who won the event in 2001. "I tried to at least hit a volley, make him work a little bit." *AP*

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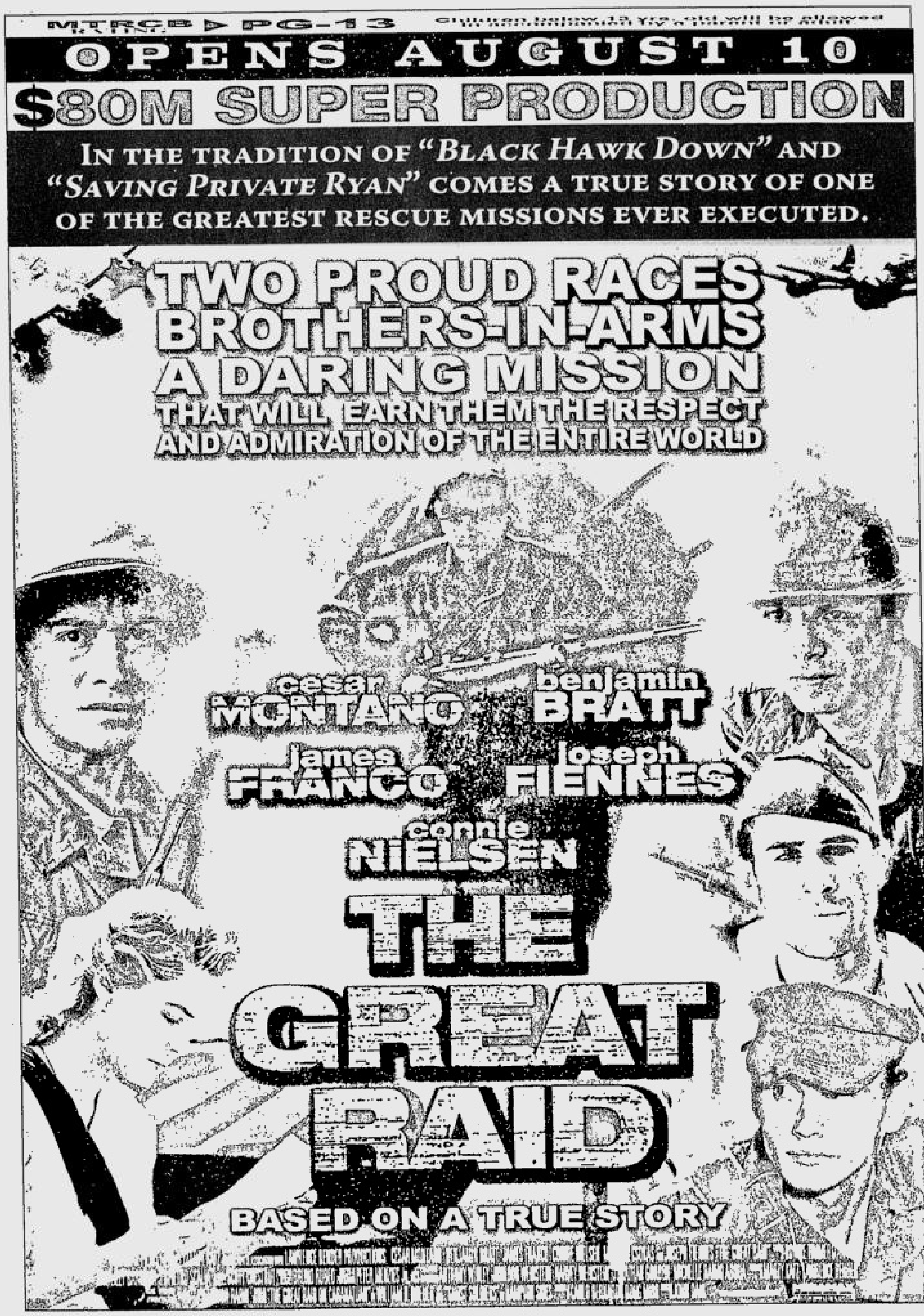
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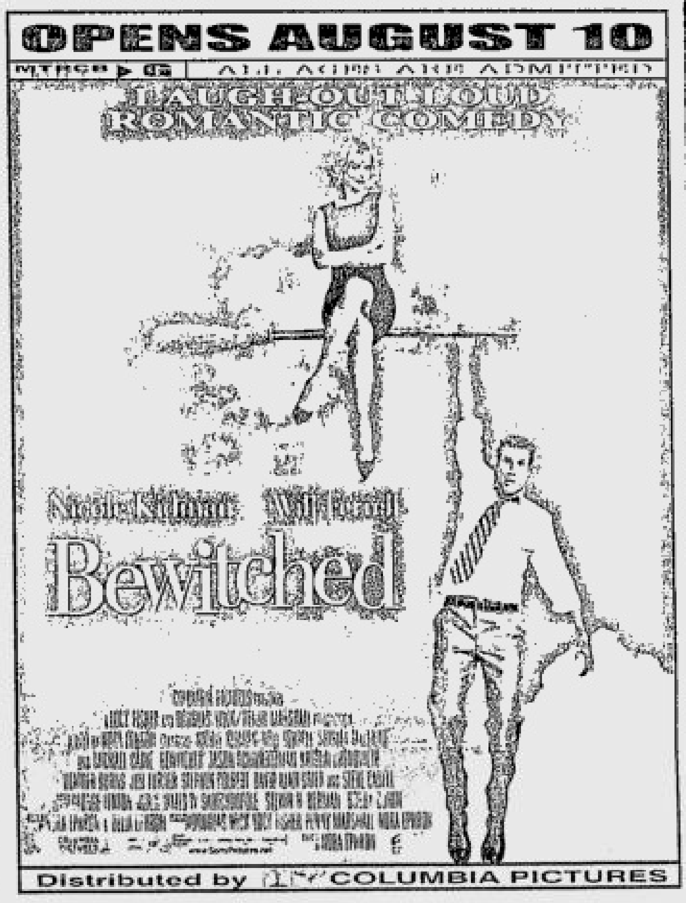
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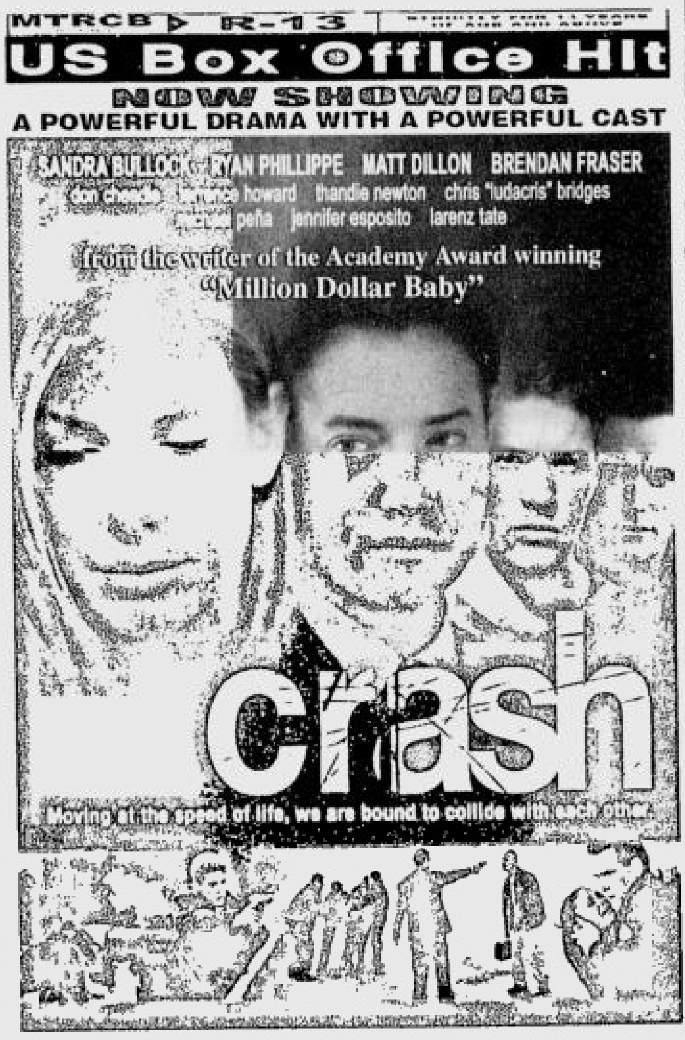
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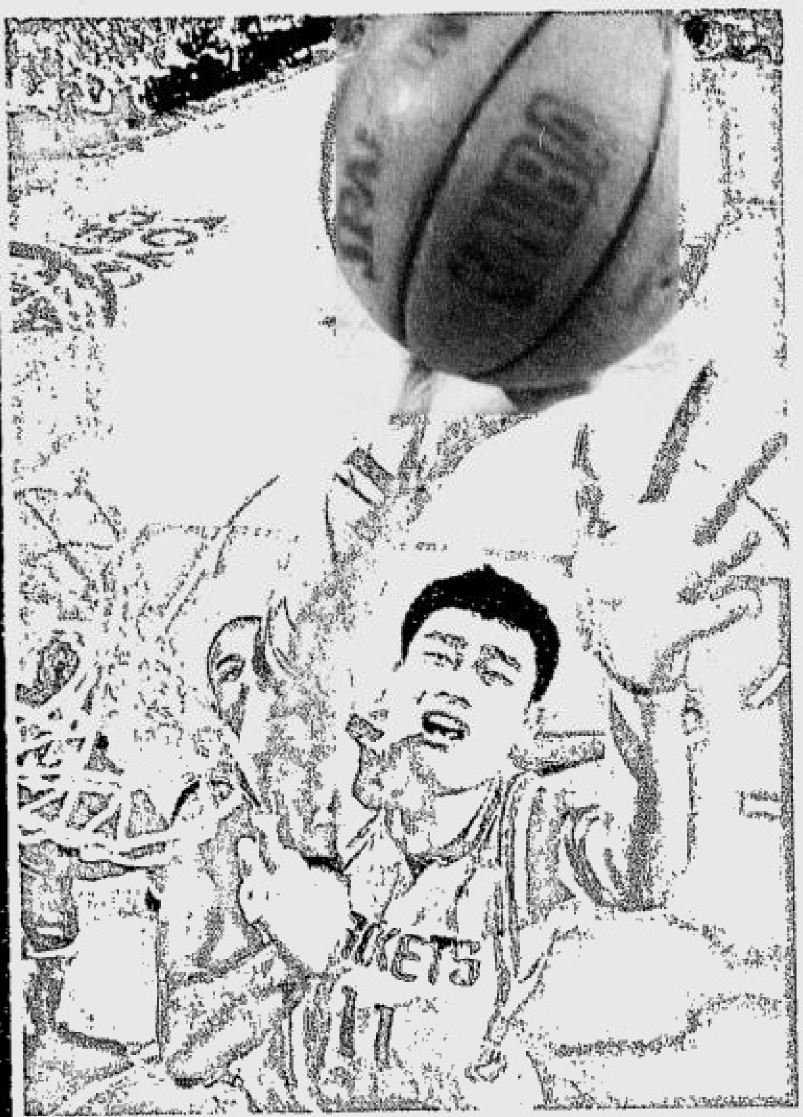
King James predicts playoff stint for Cavaliers

HONG KONG—NBA all-star LeBron James believes his Cleveland Cavaliers' side can make the NBA playoffs next season, saying he has "very high expectations" of the team.

James, who is in Hong Kong on a last leg of an Asian tour after previous visits to Tokyo and Beijing, said he was excited that the Cavaliers had signed Larry Hughes from Washington and Donyell Marshall from Toronto, while re-signing veteran center Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

James has failed to lead his team to the NBA playoffs in his first two years in the league, but feels its only a matter of time before the Cavaliers make their mark in the championship.

"The expectations I have of my team are very high. I hope to get better everyday as a player and as an individual on and off the court. If we improve everyday at those aspects, I think we will be a pretty good team," said the 20-year-old, who last season became the youngest-ever NBA Rookie of the Year winner. *AFP*



YAO MING is one of those who could possibly head for Las Vegas as an All-Star. The 7-foot-6 center's popularity increased with the release of his documentary, "The Year of the Yao," and the production of a backboard bearing his Rockets jersey.

NBA '07 All-Star awarded to Vegas

LAS VEGAS—The 2007 NBA All-Star game is headed to Las Vegas, the first time a city without a franchise has been chosen to host the event.

The festivities will take place just off the Strip, at the Thomas & Mack Center on the University of Nevada-Las Vegas campus.

Commissioner David Stern called it "a merger between the basketball capital of the world and the entertainment capital of the world" during a news conference on Friday while downplaying any concern about linking the image-conscious NBA with Sin City and gambling.

"If I were concerned, I wouldn't be doing it," he said.

Casinos will not take bets on any All-Star events under a ban proposed by the NBA and approved in June by state gambling regulators.

Such bans are not unprecedented in Las Vegas. The Palms hotel-casino does not accept bets on professional basketball games because it is owned by the Maloofs, who also owns the Sacramento Kings.

Among those expected to be named as an All-Star is Yao Ming, whose stock rose even higher with the release of his documentary, The Year of the Yao.

Yao on Spalding

Meanwhile, Proline Sports Center is also making available special edition Yao Ming memorabilia for sports hobbyists or ordinary basketball fans in the Philippines.

Items include the Spalding Yao Ming jersey laminated basketball decorated with the Houston Rockets home uniform of the 7-6 center. There is also the Spalding Yao Ming country ball, where the flag and flag colors of his home country, China, are shown.

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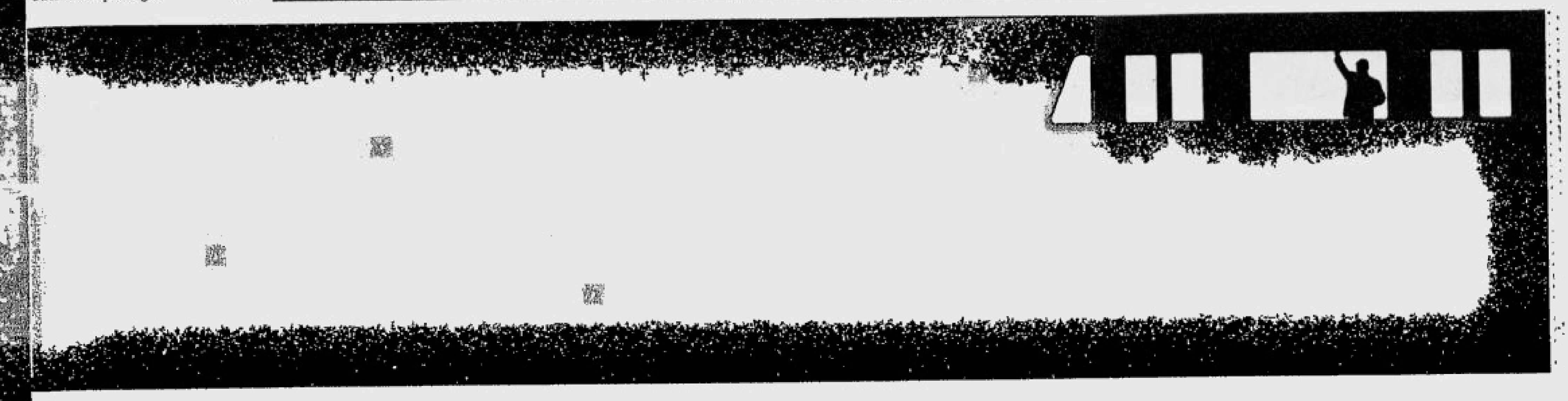

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Lea Salonga sings theme of Asean Para Games in Manila

LEA Salonga brings along her world-class talent and global fame as she expresses full support for the 3rd Asean Para Games the City of Manila is hosting from Dec. 14 to 21 at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

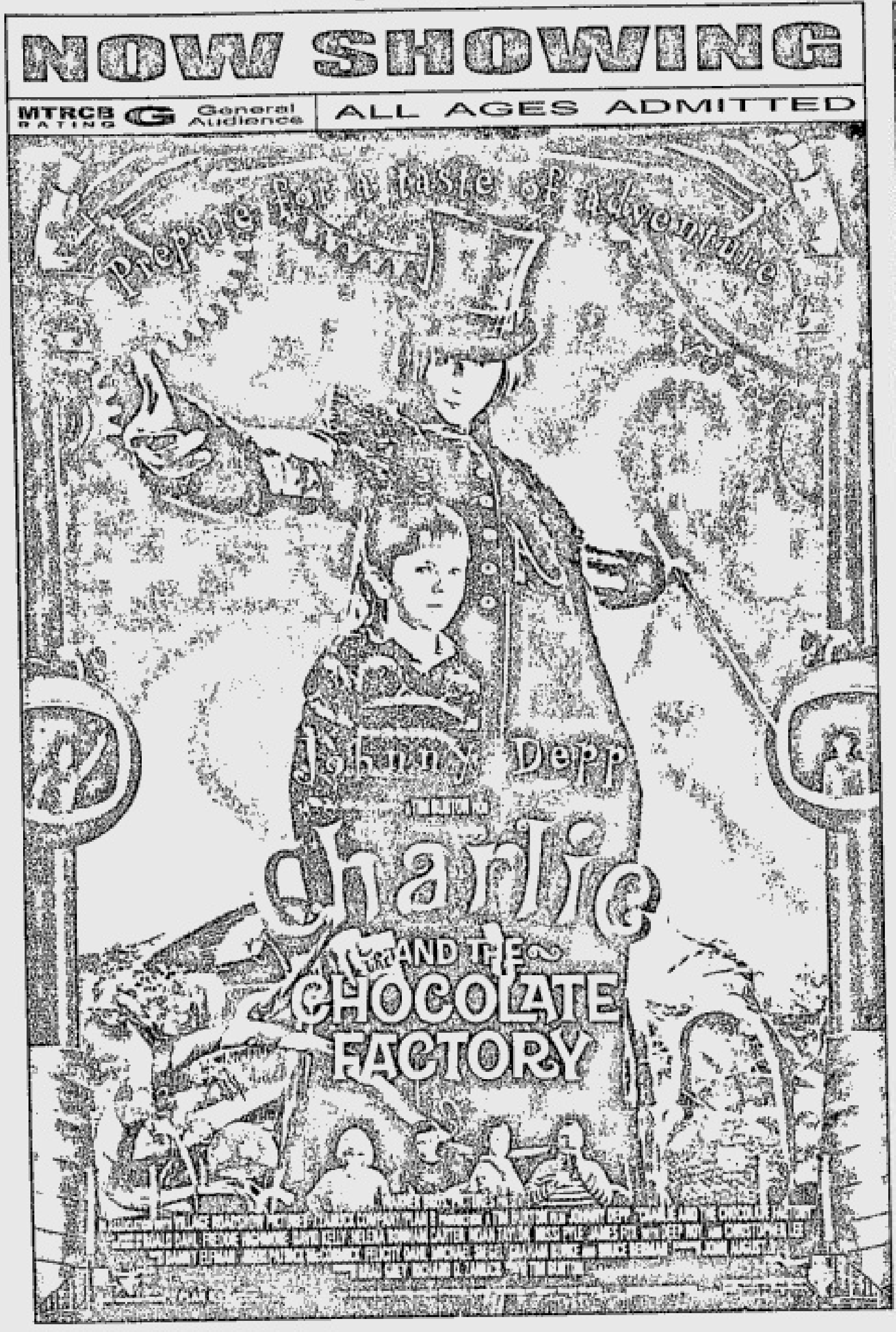
Salonga has expressed her backing of the Para Games to Michael Barredo, organizing committee chair of the event slated after the 23rd Southeast Asian Games,

Salonga, who rose to world fame through the Broadway musical "Miss Saigon," has agreed to record the games' theme song titled "The Power of My Dream."

Written and arranged by celebrated songwriters and musical arrangers Jose Javier Reyes, Gerald Salonga, Lani Macaraeg and Marvin Querido, the theme song for the games is expected to be launched this month.

Manila Sports Council (Masco) chair Arnold "Ali" Atienza, also the chair of the Games' Programs and Ceremonies Committee, praised Salonga.

"Lea inspires the organizers to do more and do better in the Para Games," said Atienza. "We do not see a Lea Salonga supporting sports so often. We are proud of her and we take pride in her support."



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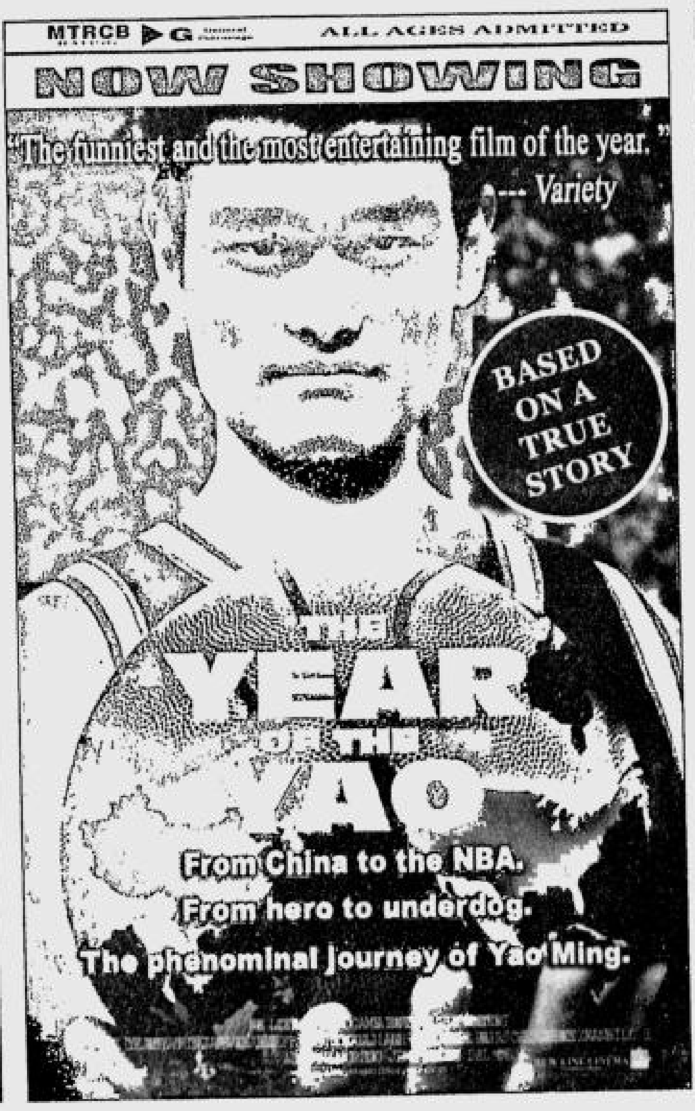

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Channel	2:30PM	3:00PM	3:30PM	4:00PM	4:30PM	5:00PM	5:30PM	6:00PM	6:30PM	7:00PM	7:30PM	8:00PM	8:30PM	9:00PM	9:30PM	10:00PM	10:30PM	11:00PM	11:30PM
ABS-CBN 2	A.S.A.P Fanatics		SCQ Reload		The Buzz				Goin' Bulilit		Rated K		TV Patrol World	Search For A Star In A Million		Sunday Family Cinema			
ABC 5		Ringside		Jones Cup						Aliw Awards				Hollywood Dream		Cinemalaya (Awards Night)			Aawitan Kita
GMA 7	Gigsters	Love To Love			S-Files			Bubble Gang Jr.		Mahiwagang Baul		Mel & Joey		All Star K		Daddy Di Do Du		Sunday Night Box Office	
RPN 9		Golf Power	Auto Extreme	Fistorama		WWE Experience		WWE PPV		Navy NCIS		Without A Trace		Celebrity Poker Showdown				The Working President	Ugnayan
IBC 13		Lifestyle				Home Shopping Network		Home Shopping Network		MTV		Kickboxer 2				Iyo Ang Katarungan	EL SHADDAI		
SBN 21		Gabay At Akayon		Buhay Pinoy		Shepards Voice		EZ Shop				Oras Ng Himala		Oras ng Katotohanan		Gabay At Akayon		SBN Sing Along	
Studio 23			Stoplight TV	BYK 101	Hotwire TV	Top Gear	Game Plan	Nginiig: The Hidden Files		Y Speak		Two & A Half Men	Joey	Will & Grace	F	Digital Tour (10:15PM)	Expd. Adventure 10:30		Fastlane
MYX	Star MYX	Urban MYX	Rock MYX	OPM MYX	My MYX	Take 5	MYX Backtrax	MYX Firsts	Mellow MYX	Pop MYX	Urban MYX	MYX Hit Chart				My MYX	OPM MYX	MYX Backtrax	Mellow MYX
CNN	Int'l Correspondents	World News	The Daily Show With John Stewart	Larry King Live		World News	World Sport	World News	Talk Asia	World News	The Daily Show With John Stewart	World News	Main Sail	World News	World Sport	Global Challenges	Global Office	Talk Asia	Next@CNN
ESPN																			
Solar Sports		TV Shopping			Got A Grip On Golf	Monster Jam		Raceworld		Nopi Tunervision	Inside the PGA	Celebrity Poker				The International Day3			
Sports Plus																			
Cinemax			Everything That Rises (3:45 PM)				The Cowboy Way			The Tuxedo (7:15PM)				Battlestar Galactica Mission 5			Fire Down Below		
Hallmark Channel	The Nanny																		
Disney Channel	Recess	Sabrina, The Animated Series	Lizzie Maguire	Wicked Science	Kim Possible	Totally Spies	That's So Raven	American Dragon	Brandy & Mr. Whiskers	Mickey Mouse and Friends	The Rescuers			Mr. Bean	That's So Raven	Phil Of The Future	Even Stevens	Dinosaur Island	
Discovery Channel		Science Mysteries		American Chopper		Extreme Engineering		Mummy Autopsy		Hour Asia		Cathay Pacific Signature Series		Science Of Lance Armstrong		The FBI Files		Power Zone	
National Geographic		The Mafia		Best Of The Week		Wild Family Secrets	Wild Orphans	Fat Plague		Air Crash Investigation								Best Of The Week	
Cartoon Network	Scooby-Doo Mysteries	Police Academy	The Detective Squad	Tom & Jerry Show	Baby Looney Tunes	Foster's Home For Imaginary Friends	Winx Club	Hi Hi Puffy AmiYumi	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Samurai Jack	Grim Adventures Of Billy & Mandy	The Looney Tunes Show		Cartoon Cartoon Show Ed	Power Rangers Ninja Storm	Crush Gear Nitro	Justice League	Space Ghost Coast to Coast	Mission Hill
Nickelodeon	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch	Unfabulous	Naturally Sadie	Romeo	Drake & Josh	The Fairly Odd Parents	My Dad The Rock Star	Danny Phantom	My Life As A Teenage Robot	SpongeBob SquarePants	The Fairly Odd Parents	Four Eyes	Romeo	Girls In Love	The Amanda Show	My Dad The Rock Star	Four Eyes	The Wild Thornberrys	Are You Afraid of the Dark?
Lifestyle Network	Date With Design	Ground Rules	Outer Spaces	Your Private Island	Breathing Room	Back To Basics	Barefoot Contessa	Everyday Italian	Ciao America With Mario	Food Network Special Personal Chefs		E! Entertainment Special What Hollywood Taught Us About Sex		Annie Hall				Style Star	It's Good To Be
Star World	The Apprentice			Miss Match		Business Week Asia	Travel Asia	One Tree Hill		The Simpsons	Kumars At 42	Oprah Prime Time		Parkinson		Little Britain		The Simpsons	Oprah Prime Time
AXN										Ultimate Guinness World Records	Ultimate Guinness World Records	Fear Factor (Season V)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (Season 5)		CSI: NY (Season 1)		CSI: Miami	
JackTV		Reno 911	Banzai	X-Play	Sweat	Street Smart	The Sib Show	Hip Hop Nation	Ride With Funk Master Flex	WWE Afterburn		WWE Smackdown				Shorties Watching Shorties	The Man Show	Insomniac W/ Dave Attell	Beat The Geeks
ETC	Will & Grace	Saturday Night Live		Veronica Mars		American Dreams		One Tree Hill		Queer Eye For The Straight Girl		Average Joe		Rated Oh!	The Insider Weekend	Outback Jack		ET Weekend	
HBO	Starship Troopers 2 (2:45 PM)			Matchstick Men (4:15 PM)					Peal Impact (6:20PM)			The Devil's Advocate					Escape From L.A. (10:20PM)		
Star Movies			Barbershop (3:45 PM)				Snow Dogs			Down With Love (7:15 PM)		Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde			Swordfish (10:40PM)				
EWTN	Defending Life	Angelus (3:15 PM)	EWTN Bookmark	Adventures In Odyssey	Faith Factory D	Rosary With Mother Angelica	EWTN Global Showcase		Octavia Dies	Fr. John Corapi		Sunday Mass				The World Over	Life Is Worth Living	Mother Angelica Live Classics	

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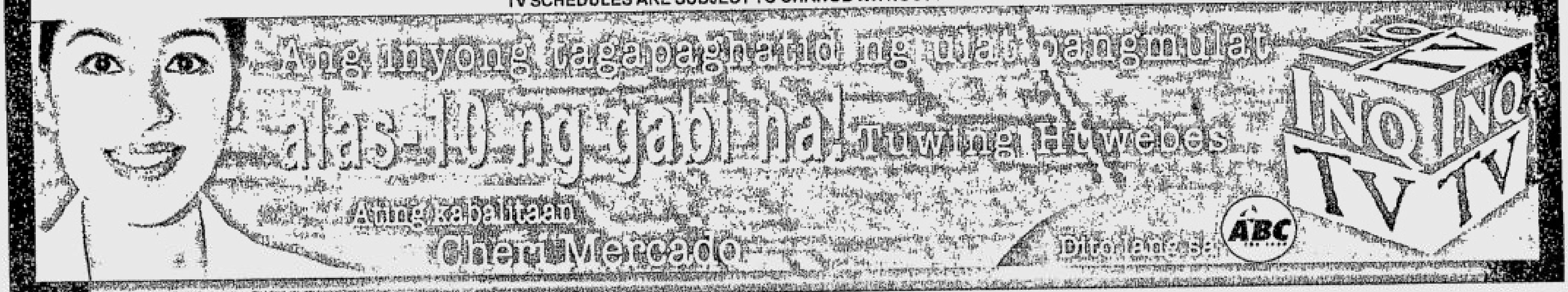

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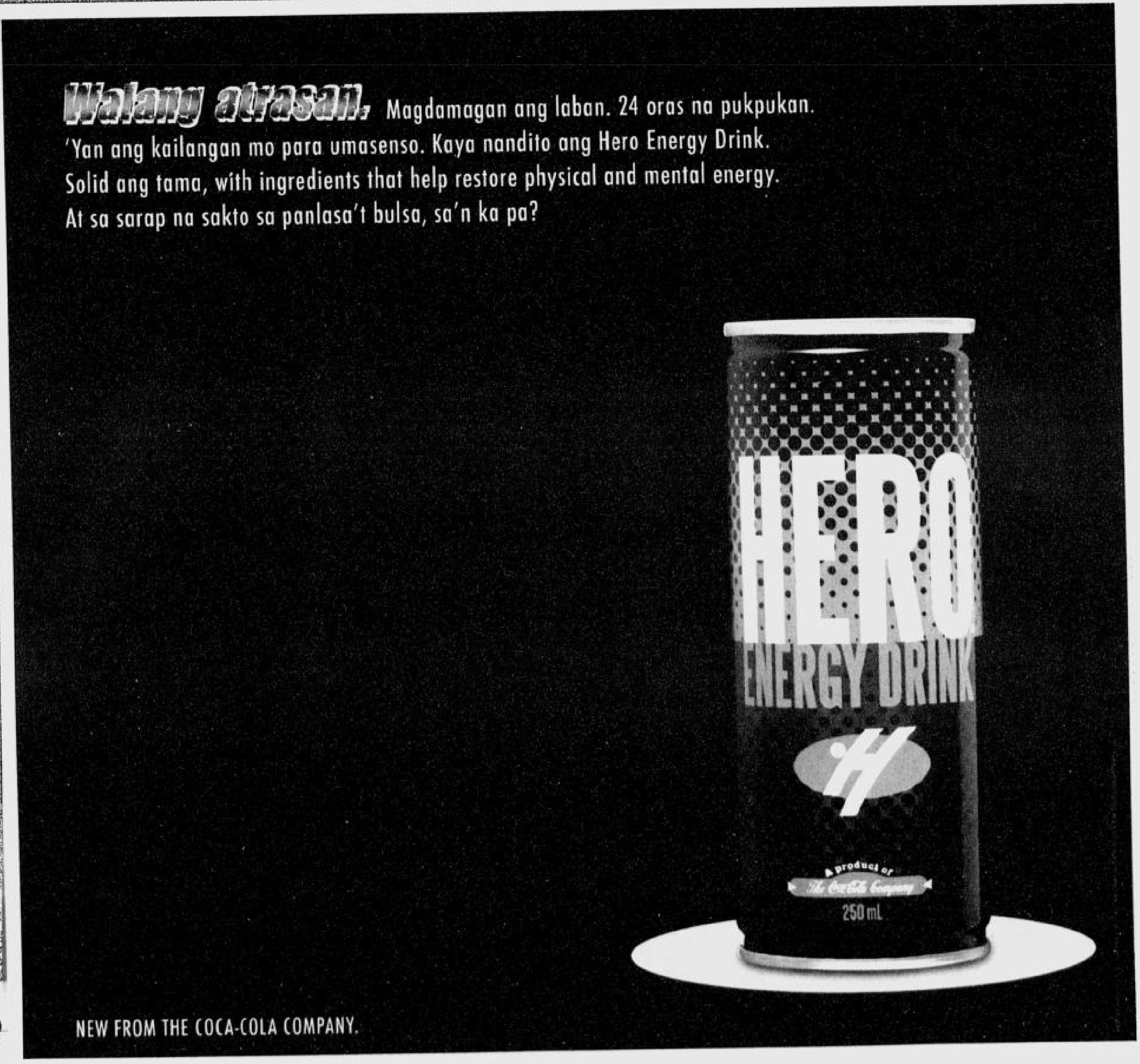
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G4 GLORIETTA 4	1 WEDDING CRASHERS	2 CRASH	3 THX CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE ... 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 GUARANTEED SEATS	4 THE YEAR OF THE YAO	5 D' ANOTHERS	6 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	7 STEALTH
GB1 GREENBELT 1	1 THE ISLAND 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00	2 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY 3:00, 5:30, 8:00,10:30					
GB3 GREENBELT 3	1 THX CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50, 11:20 GUARANTEED SEATS	2 THX CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY 3:00, 5:30, 8:00,10:30 GUARANTEED SEATS	3 STEALTH 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30 GUARANTEED SEATS	4 CRASH 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10, 11:30 GUARANTEED SEATS	5 WEDDING CRASHERS 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:05, 11:30 GUARANTEED SEATS		
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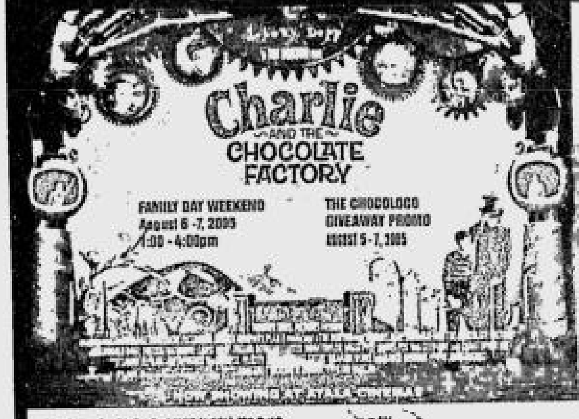
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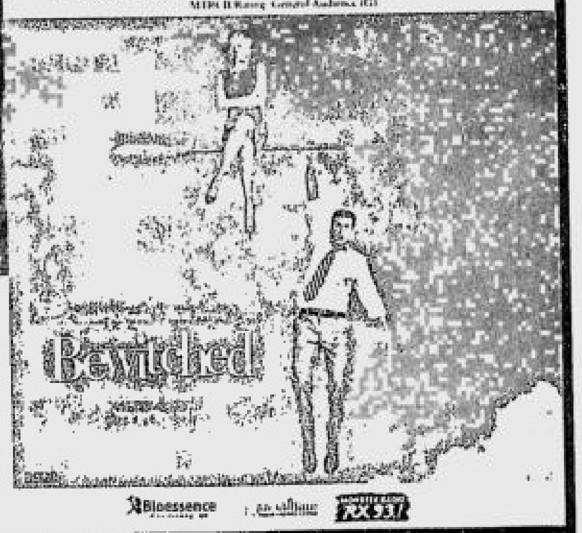

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3 CRASH
12:10 2:35 5:00 7:25 9:50

4 ARAHAN
12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00

5 CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
11:20 2:00 4:40 7:20 10:00

6 STEALTH
1:35 4:20 7:05 9:50

7 THE EYE INFINITY
1:25 3:35 5:45 7:55 10:00

8 WEDDING CRASHERS
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9 YEAR OF THE YAO
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10 THE ISLAND
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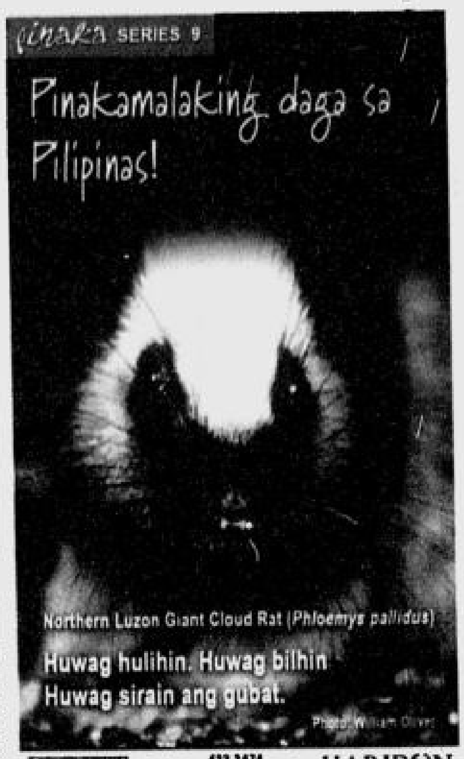
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Sleepless, weary at the Aliw rites

By Marinel R. Cruz

ARTISTS who attended the 18th Aliw Awards show were cited for their contribution to the performing arts, but were also made to endure technical problems and sit through a ceremony that took five hours to finish.

The awards show, held Wednesday at the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel, was scheduled to start at 6 p.m. but kicked off three hours later and ended at 2 a.m.

By the time Gary Valenciano received his Entertainer of the Year trophy—the last award to be handed out—75 percent of the audience had gone home.

Even the band Bamboo, who turned up early, could not wait for the results in the Best Group Performer in a Major Concert category—which they won.

The performance of South Border had to be squeezed into the first of the two-part show because the award-winning pop group had another previous engagement.

Walkout

The show was not only torturously long; it was also marred by glitches. Bart Guingona and the cast members of the musical, "Once on this Island," reportedly walked out after their performance. "Island" was a Best Musical Production nominee.

A source said Bart was furious after the microphones conked out during the number, and that he demanded that the performance be edited out for the awards show's airing on ABS-CBN Channel 2 later this month.

Gary's son Gabriel declared Anna Fegi the Best Male Performer in Hotels, Music Lounges and Bars—an award meant for Robert Seña.

The young Valenciano, along with Mishka Adams, presented the awards for the Best Male and Female Performers of the year. Mishka (Best New Female Artist awardee) enumerated the names of the nominees. Gabriel was to proclaim the winners. He was handed the wrong envelop.

According to earlier announcements by producers Aliw Awards Foundation and Maximedia, three-time Entertainer of the Year winner Martin Nievera would host the ceremony. But Vernie Varga, Christian Bautista, Phoemela Barranda and KC Montero shared the hosting chores.

Comedian-TV host German Moreno received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Gary was elevated to the Aliw Award Hall of Fame after winning his third Entertainer of the Year trophy.

Pinoy Juke Box King Victor Wood, jazz pianist Romy Posadas, singing group Mabuhay Singers, ballet pioneer Shirley Halili and former First Lady Imelda Marcos were each given an Aliw Award of Distinction for involvement in the performing arts.

More winners

Other big winners were: MYMP, Best Pop Group Performer; Spirit of 67, Best Classic Group Performer; Gary Valenciano ("Thankful"), Best Male Concert Performance in a Major Concert; Lea Salonga ("Home for Christmas"), Best Female Concert Performance in a Major Concert; Sarah Geronimo, Rachelle Ann Go and Erik Santos ("Night of the Champions"), Best Collaboration in a Major Concert;

Aaron Agassi, Best Male New Artist; Christian Bautista, Best Male Concet Performer in an Intimate Venue; Kitchie Nadal, Best Female Concert Performer in an Intimate Venue; Leo Valdez and Vernie Varga ("The Engineer and The Vamp"), Best Performance in Concert Collaboration; Gerard Salonga ("Home For Christmas"), Best Musical Director for a Major Concert; Bobby Garcia ("Night of the Champions"), Best Concert Stage Director;

Monique Wilson ("Cabaret"), Best Stage Actress in a Musical; Ricci Chan ("Penis Talks"), Best Stage Actor in a Musical; Irma Adlawan ("Speaking in Tongues"), Best Stage Actress in a Non-musical Play, Ricky Davao ("Speaking in Tongues"), Best Stage Actor in a Non-musical Play;

Nolyn Cabahug, Best Male Classical Performer; Rochelle Gerodias, Best Female Classical Performer; Miguel Aguila, Best Child Performer; John Lapus, Best Male Stand-up Comedy Act; and Candy Pangilinan, Best Female Stand-up Comedy Act.

CAST of "Once on this Island" in a number that won't be seen on TV

GARY Valenciano, Entertainer of the Year, with son Gabriel

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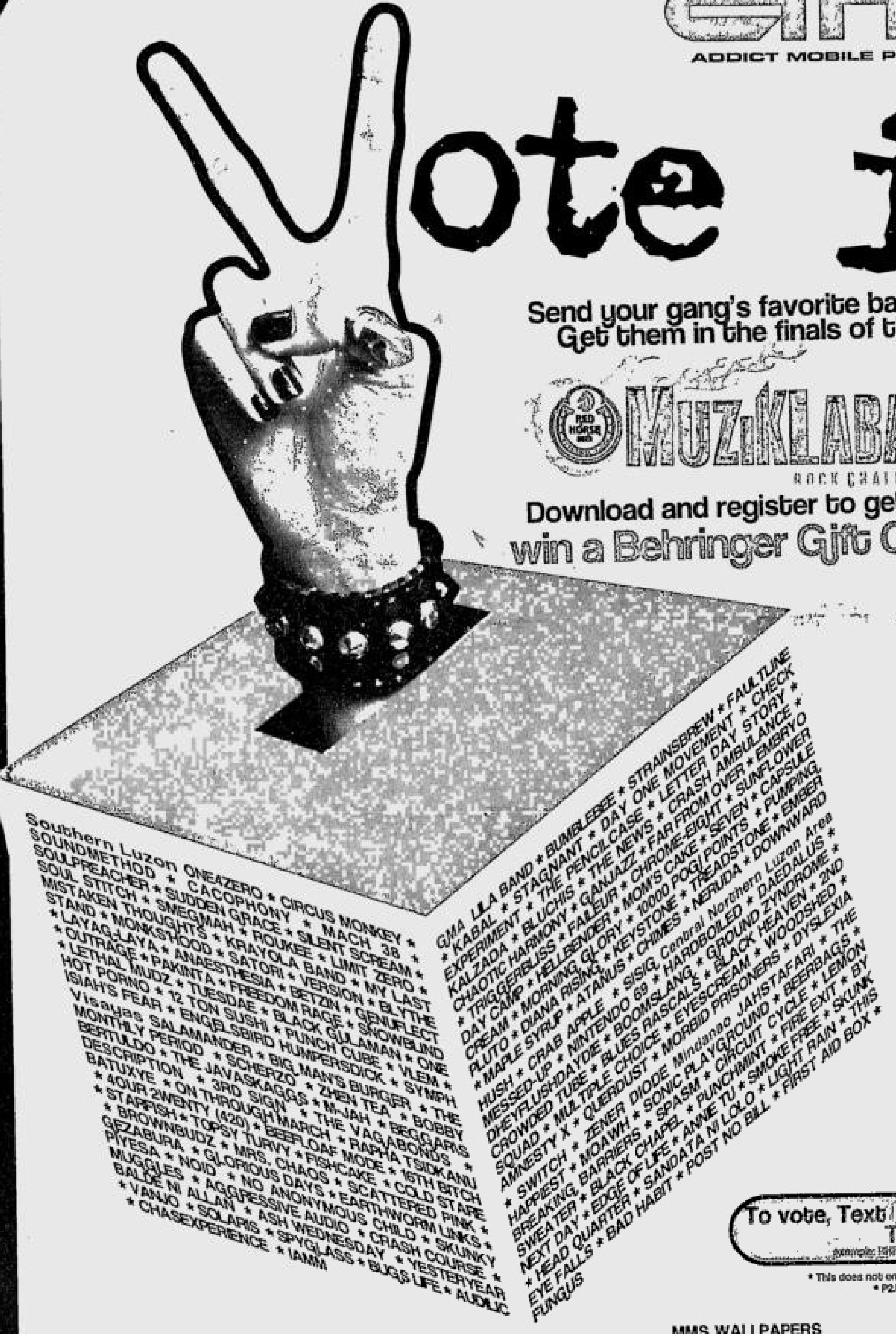
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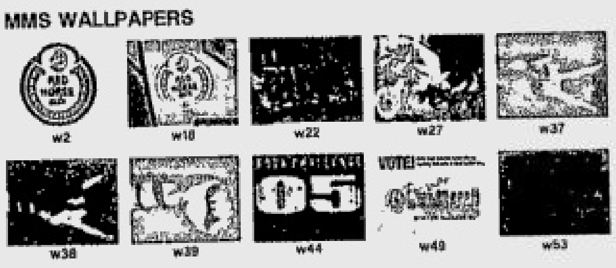
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'Rock Star' finalists down to nine

Our bet Mig Ayesa is doing just fine

LAST Wednesday and Thursday, I watched "Rock Star: INXS" on Star World to see how Fil-Australian finalist **Mig Ayesa** was faring in the talent search for a new frontman for the hit rock band INXS.

The week before, the finalists were shocked when two of them, not just one, were summarily dismissed from the competition. Would the same "massacre" take place this week? I wondered.

Thankfully not. Only one female singer, Tara, was let go of, so the number of "survivors" now stands at nine.

How is Mig Ayesa doing? If we go by the jurors' comments, he's faring well. His singing voice isn't as rock-y as some other finalists', but he makes up for that with strong performances, good looks and savvy interpretation of the numbers assigned to him.

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

Last Wednesday, a juror kidded Mig about upping the show's "sex appeal" by wearing a "revealing" pair of white pants. Mig acknowledged the naughty joke with a laugh, but cracked that he "at least left something to the imagination."

Aside from showcasing the finalists' performances, the show also delves into their personal side, with reality takes on how they interact with each other when they aren't in competition.

In these scenes, taken at the mansion where the contestants stay, Mig comes across as a sensitive and caring person, ready to offer a shoulder to cry on when other finalists are in a blue funk.

These shots can only add to Mig's appeal to viewers, and boost his chances.

The way I look at it, some four other finalists are bound to give Mig really tough competition in the coming weeks. Mig may not be able to go the full distance, up to the talent search's "final-final" round.

He could spring a surprise on everybody, however, so we'll be watching the show and rooting for him. Why not catch "Rock Star" on Star World every Wednesday and Thursday and give "our" bet a new boost as well (maybe even vote for him via SMS)?

Int'l debut

AWARD-WINNING actor-director **Cesar Montano** co-stars in "The Great Raid," Miramax's $80-M production about the rescue of American prisoners of war in the Philippines during World War Two. The Film will have its Manila premiere tomorrow at the Greenbelt 3 Cinemas.

It had its world premiere in Washington, D.C. on July 28, and Cesar was in proud attendance. Response to his portrayal in the war drama was so positive that the acclaimed actor is thinking of shifting his base to Hollywood.

Leading the movie's international cast are **Benjamin Bratt**, **James Franco** and **Joseph Fiennes**. **John Dahl** directs.

"The Great Raid" dramatizes the amazing feat of a group of Filipino guerrillas, led by Montano's character, who staged the daring rescue in 1945 of more than 500 American POWs from a Japanese concentration camp in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

The release of the film coincides with the 60th anniversary of the daring raid, described as "the most successful rescue mission in American history."

Awards special

THE CINEMALAYA Awards special will be telecast on ABC-5 at 10 p.m. today. Catch the awards show to give the country's new filmmakers the boost and recognition they deserve.

Family Films on Hallmark Channel

THE HALLMARK Channel's 9 p.m. Movie Premieres slot this month offers two films for the family: In "Winter Solstice," a two-part special presentation on Aug. 14, a funny twist of fate prompts a group of relatives, friends and strangers to share an abandoned farmhouse in the Scottish highlands for a Christmas they will never forget.

Lead players include **Sinead Cusack**, **Geraldine Chaplin**, **Jean Simmons** and **Sir Peter Ustinov**.

After a testy discussion with the US Secretary of State, Canadian Prime Minister **Matthew McLaughlin** is killed in an accident. In "H2O," his son Tom goes back to Canada to mourn his father's death.

At the funeral, Tom delivers an impassioned eulogy that stirs the public and thrusts him into politics, and ultimately, the prime minister's office.

But the continuing investigation into his father's death reveals that it was no accident, raising the possibility of assassination. This uncovers a shocking plot to sell one of Canada's most valuable resources—water.

The two-part feature, which premieres on Hallmark on Aug. 28, stars **Paul Gross**, **Leslie Hope**, **Martha Henry** and **Gondon Pinsent**.

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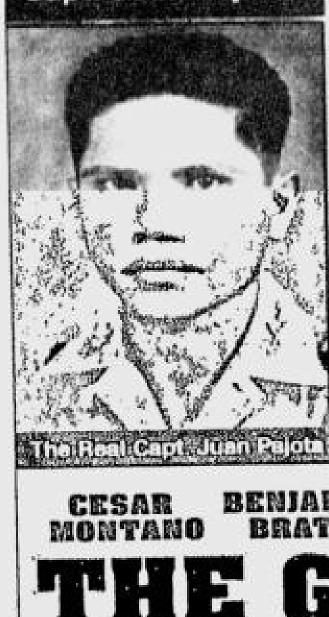
While **Capt. Robert Prince** was the brains and **Lt. Col. Henry Mucci** the sheer force behind the Cabanatuan rescue mission, it was USAFFE guerrilla leader **Capt. Juan Pajota** who was able to bring the rescue plan to reality. **Capt. Pajota** knew the land, had the trust of local villagers and commanded the local guerrilla forces. He prevailed upon villagers to muzzle their barking dogs the night of the raid; he came up with the clever idea of evacuating the weak and feeble prisoners on water buffalo carts; and he and his men held Japanese forces off at a bridge while the Rangers and POWs made their historic trek back to safety.
Resourceful, Organized, Imaginative
By all accounts he was a natural leader and a brilliant tactician. **Robert Lapham**, the American USAFFE guerrilla leader, called him "a very unflamboyant guy with a natural bent for leadership. He was resourceful, organized and extremely imaginative."
"Suicide"
Pajota had the one thing **Lt. Col. Mucci** lacked: information. He had intelligence on the Japanese movements within and around the camp. At their first meeting, **Mucci** was impatient; his men were ready, he wanted to move. **Pajota** was unflappable. Learning that **Mucci** was determined to stage the raid that very evening, **Pajota** clearly and simply informed **Mucci**, "Sir, with all due respect, that is suicide." Pajota explained that the Japanese would have large numbers of troops and trucks on the roads that evening. At first, **Mucci** was undeterred. However, upon receiving similar intelligence from his own Alamo Scouts, **Mucci** was forced to concur with **Pajota**. He delayed the raid 24 hours.
A Perfect Plan
In the planning stages, **Pajota** offered **Mucci** a novel tactical strategy — one that would give the raid an element of surprise and cover at the same time. **Pajota** suggested using airplanes to fly over the camp and distract the Japanese guards moments before the raid. **Mucci** instantly liked the sound of it. The aircraft would just be up there, looping and droning and turning, flummoxing the guards, commanding attention. The plan worked to perfection. The planes provided cover for the Rangers as they made their way into position near the camp gates.

Cesar Montano as Capt. Juan Pajota



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LOS ANGELES—It's always a pleasure to interview Nicole Kidman.

This Aussie actress' good nature shines through. Right away, you can tell that her niceness is real. Our most recent interview with Nicole and her "Bewitched" leading man, comedian Will Ferrell, took place in New York while our chat with Sir Michael Caine, who plays her father in the movie version of the beloved '60s TV series, occurred here in LA.

Shirley MacLaine, whom Michael credits as the one who brought him to Hollywood, also stars in this comedy directed by Nora Ephron.

Nicole was bewitching in a soft, romantic lavender dress and sandals while Will and Michael amused us with their quips.

NICOLE

On Michael: He's a mischievous man. I got to spend time with someone who has had a long career and yet still has an enormous sense of fun. At his age, he's still excited to be working. It's really lovely to be around such an actor. He and Shirley have known each other since they were 21, I think. So they would sit there and tell stories about their lives. I thought, God, it would be beautiful to have that, too, with actors like Russell (Crowe) and Sean Penn when I'm older. Michael and Shirley are survivors—they are working into their seventies, which is rare in this industry.

What she would do if she had witch powers, like her nose-wriggling character Samantha Stevens (played winningly by Elizabeth Montgomery in the 1964-72 sitcom): I'd take away malice. Malice in people is frightening. And tolerance is the primary thing that I would try to give [them instead]. I hope we are more tolerant of each other in everything. I would eradicate cancer if I could. I've seen too many people die of it. I would also make it very easy, with just a click of your fingers, to be wherever you want to be.

On Shirley: I first met her many years ago. She came up to me and said, "I know you!" And she hugged me. She has always been warm to me. She actually gives me confidence which I sometimes struggle with. She calls me an alien (laughter) which is a high compliment, coming from Shirley MacLaine [who believes in alien beings]. We still talk on the phone.

WILL

On his "Bewitched" character's hammy expression: (Actually, if he thought this would win him a Golden Globe—he appeared a bit embarrassed before this press group that does hand out the Globes) We'll have to find out, won't we?

On Nicole: I was extremely nervous to meet her at first. She's kind of shy and I tend to get shy when other people are shy so it's kind of a shy-off (laughter). Nora Ephron brought me to the set of "The Stepford Wives." It was almost like this arranged first date (laughter). Nicole and I didn't know what to say to each other once we got past the "I enjoy your work" exchange. And then she just started laughing for no reason. She said she had just seen "Old School." I went, "You're imagining my butt right now, aren't you (laughter)?

Finally, a man taller than Tom for Nicole: "It was more comfortable for her because she said I was the tallest leading man she had worked with. It was nice, she said, to be able to look up to someone, as opposed to look down."

Special witch-like skills: I'm able to levitate one inch off the ground which I'm doing now. Your view is blocked by this table.

MICHAEL

He dyes his...: Eyelashes. They're dyed today. Look (flutters his lashes like a 1920s vamp). They're very long, too. Women always say to me, "I wish I had eyelashes like yours. I say, no, you don't. You'd have to dye these buggers (laughter). But if I am going to play a homicidal maniac, I'd wash the dye out because then you'd immediately get this guy with nothing around the eyes—you wouldn't go out with him.

He's not going back to "theatah": I've been a movie actor for a long time. If I went back to the stage in England, I would have to give a genius of a performance to even get mediocre reviews. Those theater critics wait for you. Also, it's a lot of work for very little money. I like the movies—very little work for a lot of money (laughter). And the girls are prettier because they all leave the theater and go into movies.

How Nescafe got him a wife: I used to go out every night. The only reason I met my wife was because one night, my best male friend and I said, let's stay in and watch television. And that's how I found my wife... in a commercial for Nescafe. I don't drink the coffee but I took the girl (Shakira Caine).

What makes a man like him a great husband: I'm a guy who says, "Yes, dear."

A man at 6 years old: My mother formed me as a person when I was 6 years old. My brother was 3 . It was the beginning of World War II and my father went away. My mother was the toughest woman you'll ever come across. Instead of crying and saying, what I am going to do, she turned to my brother and me and said, 'Now listen, your father has gone away. You two have to look after me.' And with that sentence, she instantly made two little men. My brother and I said, "We'll do that, don't worry." And we did.

His charmed life, thus far: I've played football with Pele. The first person ever to take me to Las Vegas was Frank Sinatra. I used to have Chinese food every Saturday night in Danny Kaye's kitchen. Shirley MacLaine brought me to Hollywood to star in "Gambit" with her. She gave me a party and the first person who walked in was Gloria Swanson and she was only... she was tiny. I got knighted by the Queen. She said to me, "I have a feeling that you'd be good in what you do for a very long time (laughter)." I said, "Yes, I have, your majesty" and then I kept my big mouth shut because I was about to tell her, "And so have you." I was afraid they'd take the bloody knighthood right away from me.

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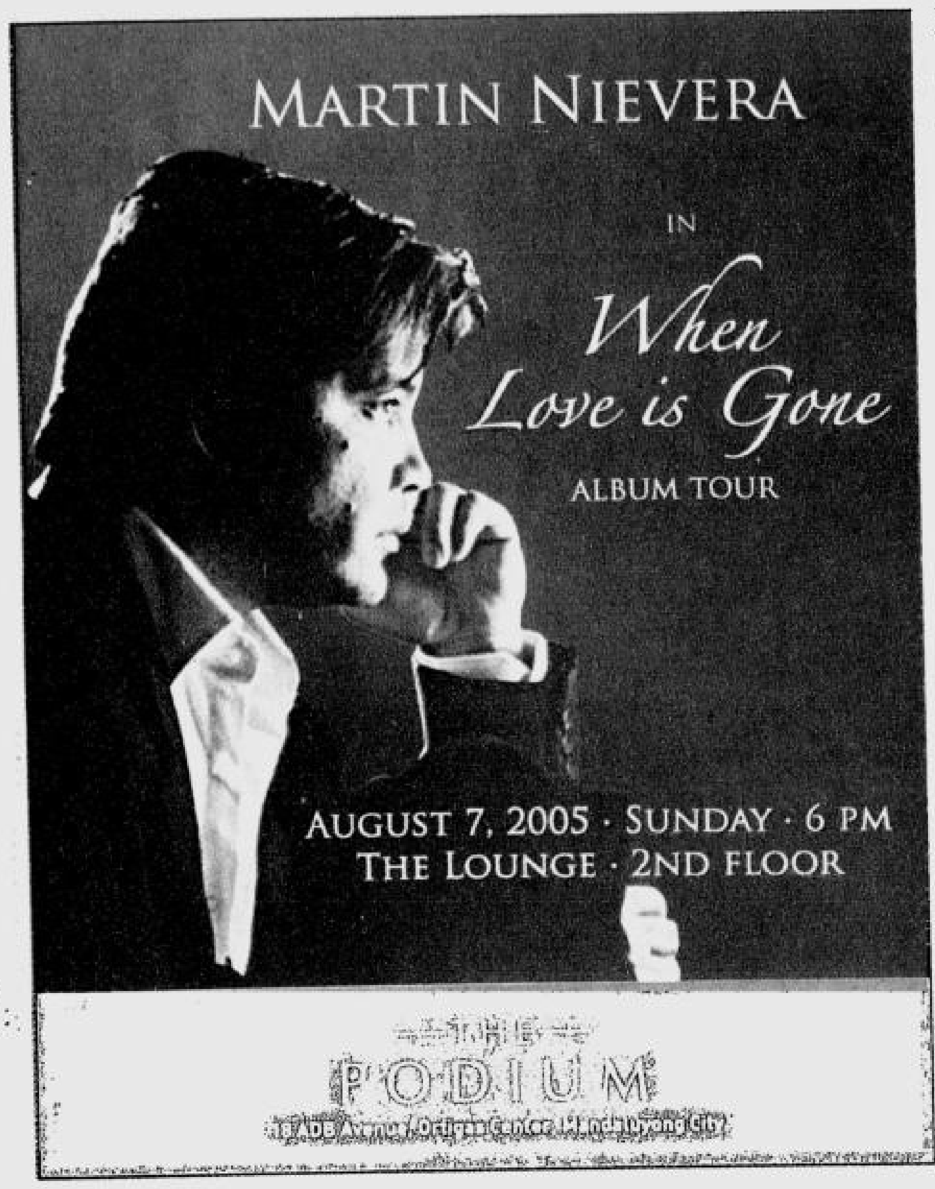

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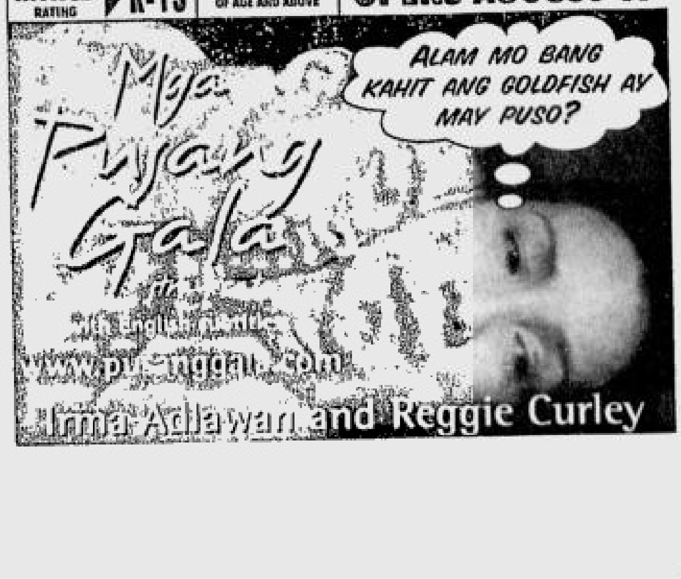

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Entrepreneurship keeps Ramos family together

SOCORRO Ramos, founder, National Bookstore

THE FIRST generation builds the company. The second preserves it. The third squanders it.

According to some studies, beyond the third generation, there are fewer than 5 percent of family-owned businesses that survive under family control.

Gurcharan Das, author of "India Unbound," an international bestseller published in many countries, has a more creative way to explain this phenomenon.

"The first generation makes the money and naturally wants to flaunt it. The second doesn't want more money; it wants power. Born into money and power, the third generation dedicates itself to art, or more likely just squanders the fortune. The Kennedys, Rockefellers, and others illustrate this cycle," Das wrote.

National Book Store founder Socorro C. Ramos, however, is confident that her family and their business of books, school and office supplies will never be taking the same dismal track.

After all, as early as now, her grandchildren are proving that they are assets to the family conglomerate.

"*Mas marunong pa nga sa akin ang mga apo ko eh*, and I learn a lot from them. *Halimbawa sa* computers, they explain to me the benefits of computerizing. *Medyo may kamahalan lang nga. Wala akong alam pero sila nakapag-aral kaya ang gagaling ng mga yan!*" proudly says the characteristically humble Ramos, Nanay Coring to her family and thousands of employees.

Of the nine third-generation Ramoses, three are now directly involved in the business of books, all children of Nanay Coring's daughter, Cecille Licauco.

Cito, the eldest, oversees the information technology aspects of NBS. Trina Licauco-Alindogan saw that the company's human resources department needed a little help and this is what she is working on at present. Gabby, on the other hand, is the operations manager of Powerbooks Specialty Store.

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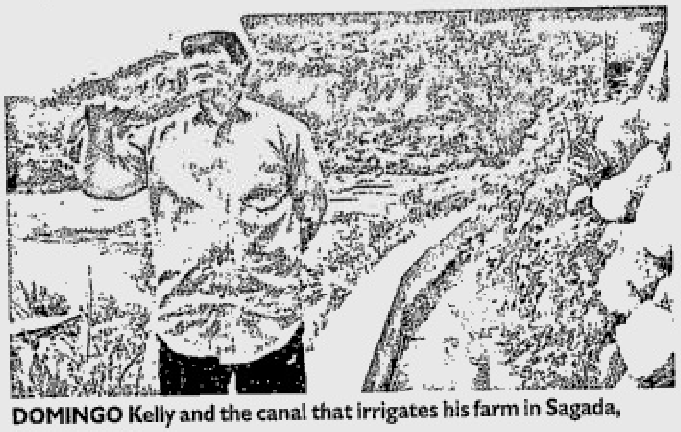
'Charm' offensive brings new hope to upland farmers

By Rita Festin
Contributor

CHILDREN of vegetable farmers high up in the mountains of Atok, Benguet, and the new farm-to-market bridge constructed in their area



DOMINGO Kelly and the canal that irrigates his farm in Sagada, Mt. Province

A MOTHER and her young children walk along a farm-to-market road in Benguet.

SAGADA, PHILIPPINES—Domingo Kelly is 63 years old and has been working on the farm all his life in this world-renowned scenic part of the Cordilleras. A third generation farmer from Ilocos Sur, he has no regrets about his chosen field despite the many hardships he faced.

"I plant *palay*, then cabbage and carrots alternately throughout the year," he says. It's not enough to feed his family and he has had to seek additional work to be able to make ends meet. But somehow he survived, sending his seven children through high school. Only one followed in his footsteps on the farm.

Those engaged in upland farming face a variety of problems compared to lowland farming, including cold weather, lack of water, less yield, more costs, a rugged topography and the distance it takes to transport goods from the farm to the market. Newer human challenges include the threat from cheaper imports, which have made the farmers' produce less saleable on the local market.

Development activities also cost more and take more time and effort to undertake in the uplands. The yield of rice is 50 percent less than in the lowlands, which yield about 3.5 tons per hectare. A farm-to-market road in the lowlands would cost less than a million pesos per kilometer; in the uplands, it is between P1.5 million to P2 million per kilometer.

Under the Cordillera Highland Agriculture Resource Management (CHARM) project, farmers have doubled and sometimes tripled their earnings, thanks to irrigation schemes, new infrastructure such as bridges, farm-to-market roads, and training in new farming methods.

CHARM is a seven-year project that aims to reduce poverty in the Cordillera region by increasing incomes of smallholder farm families through boosting agricultural productivity and developing sustainable systems of resource management. The Asian Development Bank financed almost half of the total project cost, initially estimated at $41.4 million when the project was approved in 1996.

So far, the project has benefited about 50,000 poor households in 82 villages in Abra, Mt. Province and Benguet province. Other nearby villages are indirectly reaping benefits from the project as well.

"I would want to believe that doing it in a participatory manner the way we did will really be the way to do projects rather than the blueprint type," says Cameron Odsey, project director of CHARM. "We really have to involve the primary beneficiaries of the project, who are the farmers."

The communities, who are mostly indigenous people, were consulted and mobilized throughout the project on issues such as managing natural resources. The idea is to involve them as stakeholders in the project who are committed to its implementation from the planning stages up to its maintenance and upkeep, even after its completion.

With the project now in its final stages, it is being maintained by the beneficiaries themselves. Roads will have to be maintained by the local governments, irrigation systems by the farmer-groups, and reforestation projects by the community.

The project has completed the rehabilitation of 151.35 km of farm-to-market roads, 644.5 meters of spillway, 95.4 meters of bridges, 358.5 meters of foot bridges, 30 water supply schemes, and 52 community irrigation systems/projects.

New and rehabilitated irrigation systems have enabled farmers to harvest two to three times a year, instead of just once a year. In terms of reforestation, it has established a total of 6,560 hectares of plantation (i.e., reforestation, agro-forestry and enrichment planting) while maintaining 6,150 hectares for forestry and 410 hectares for agro-forestry.

For the local community, some of whom are deeply entrenched in the indigenous tradition, the project marked the first time that they have been benefiting from a national government project of this scale.

Catherine Kibatay, who owns a small store that overlooks an irrigated farm in Aguid, Sagada, Mt. Province, notes the improvement in her community. "Abandoned fields are planted with rice again as irrigation water is made available and distributed evenly," she says. "We thank the CHARM project for rehabilitating the irrigation system."

It is with CHARM's assistance that the first ancestral domain title in the country was issued by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples. To date, it has supported the issuance of certificate of ancestral domain titles of almost 140,000 hectares and the preparation of ancestral domain sustainable development and protection plans in six municipalities, thus improving land tenure in the project areas.

For the agricultural support services component, farmers underwent a four-month integrated pest management course on ways to properly use fertilizer; avoid the use of pesticides; and effects on human health, the environment and to the population of friendly insects on the farm as well as the insects that can cause crop damage. By inculcating to farmers the proper use of pesticides, its harmful effects and alternative ways to control pests, they were able to reduce by 70 percent the use of chemical pesticide.

"The war with pests goes on. There are emerging pests that evolve," says Odsey. "What would be critical is for the farmers to be able to understand these things and not rely on pesticides in the management and control of farm pests and diseases. In the past, farmers immediately sprayed for pesticides without knowing whether an insect is indeed friendly or a pest."

Training was also conducted on how to grow vegetables and what crops to plant. Research into high-yielding rice varieties for the uplands was undertaken to determine their potential as replacement for traditional varieties. While results were positive, these did not match farmers' expectations in terms of taste, post harvest characteristics, and utility as food and cultural traditions.

The major problem now facing vegetable growers is the entry into the local market of cheaper imports. Locally grown vegetables are uneven in size, while the market wants a uniform size. In addition, as farmers' children are educated, their new skills lead them to activities other than those needed on the farms.

"We are encouraging them, our *kababayans*, to buy our own products," says Mary Buanzi, senior agriculturist of Mt. Province. "At least we are sure of our products unlike the imports. We do not know their process of producing it. They might contain too much pesticide. But at least if we buy our own, we know the processes that were done in the production of that product."

Upland farmers toil on despite the natural- and human-generated challenges that they have faced for generations. But improvements to their way of life brought about by projects such as CHARM will help ensure continuity of centuries-old traditions for generations to come.

(The author is a national officer of the Asian Development Bank.)

Entrepreneurship keeps Ramos family together

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GABBY as a tot wearing the then logo of National Bookstore

GABBY today is in charge of Powerbooks.

TRINA, then a little girl with her lola

NANAY Coring, with Trina today, says she is her grandchildren's student.

Thirty-year- old Trina shares the same faith in their family as her *lola*.

A "returnee" to the family business after being away for five years while earning an MBA from an Ivy League in the US, Trina was asked by her lola to come home to help. She did and immediately buckled down to work at NBS.

"I know that third-generation saying will not happen to us. Our informal structure is built in such a way that not all grandchildren work at NBS. It largely depends on our interest, that's why everything falls into place. We have been armed through the years with the values that were instilled in us and we are confident about it," explains Trina.

Nanay Coring's other grandchildren are involved in the other ventures of the family, most of them in retail, like Crossings Department Store, Music One, Tokyo Tokyo, etc.

For Gabby who grew up with all these "book talks" punctuating family dinners and gatherings, being involved in the books business seemed to be the most natural thing to do.

"I realized it's about time to give back to the family by continuing what my parents and grandparents have started," says the 26-year-old Behavioral Science graduate from De La Salle University.

Leadership by example

One thing that stuck in the young minds of both Trina and Gabby as children was how their grandmother lived the "leadership by example" principle.

Both of them would remember vividly how Nanay Coring would teach her sales people the proper ways to sell.

Nanay Coring would also personally fix merchandise in the book store, making sure that customers easily find what they are looking for.

In fact up to now, Nanay Coring still proudly describes herself as a *tindera* (sales lady). In one interview, she enthused about the personal joy she gets from selling: "*Talagang gustong-gusto ko yung nagtitinda, lalo na kung mapapabili ko ang ayaw bumili. Tinuturo ko sa mga tindera namin yan. Pag humanap* ng wrapping paper, *sabi ko, alukin mo ng* Scotch tape, *alukin mo ng* gift tag."

Indeed, the sales floor is the lifeblood of NBS. Because of that, Trina grew up with a far different view of selling as a profession. Her lola was a *tindera*, and so she also describes herself as one.

"When I was in the US, I didn't mind being a *tindera*. I might have been studying to earn an MBA but I didn't mind working on the side and being right there on the sales floor. Of course the service level in the US is higher, and sales people there earn a lot, but it's really the experience, the day-to-day encounters I had with people that interested me. It is also where one learns the most," Trina describes.

Gabby, on the other hand, is amazed at the energy and dedication that his lola exhibits to this very day. At 82, Nanay Coring knows how many total employees NBS has under its payroll. She knows every single location of the 73 branches, paying them surprise visits every now and then. ("To keep them on their toes)," she winks).

She is still on top of decision-making when it comes to the books that will adorn the NBS shelves. It would be a shame, Gabby says, if he does not show the same enthusiasm and devotion.

Their lola was not named Entrepreneur of the Year either for nothing. Trina says she is just astonished at her lola's nose for opportunity, something which she certainly wants to learn.

"She always finds something in everything, *yung pagkakakitaan*. Like those postcards in National Book Store. That's her 'racket'," Trina reveals.

Gabby credits this leadership that Nanay Coring provides as the foundation of their survival as a family.

But it's not as if these NBS heirs consciously trained for the job. Nanay Coring instinctively opened the eyes of her grandchildren by making the National Bookstore outlets and offices as their one, big "playground."

One other thing the NBS matriarch tries to pass on to her grandchildren is her ability to listen. To this day, Nanay Coring learns about what is happening in the NBS operations simply by listening to her people, evaluating them and making calculated decisions. Through this, she says, she is able to point out the weaknesses of the operations.

Learning from her 'apos'

Nanay Coring's role in her grandchildren's lives, particularly Gabby's and Trina's, has gone beyond just being the doting, book-lavishing grandma that she was when they were kids. She is also more than the beacon in this entrepreneurial brood. Clearly today, through the eyes of her grandchildren, their lola has become both their teacher and their student.

One of the things that the grand kids had done for efficiency, for instance, is to computerize the inventory system. It was hard at first for Nanay Coring to do away with her old index card-method of inventory but she did anyway.

Gabby, on the other hand, has his lola's marketing battle cry always ringing in his ears—*mag-ingay palagi! Wag matutulog* (Always create noise. Do not sleep).

A big business to run but everyone in the family helps out.

"I tell them never to be complacent. *Hindi porke malaki ang National eh ganyan na yan lagi. Dapat lagi kaming alisto*," says Nanay Coring.

One of the avenues that NBS recognizes as a potent tool to reach more people is the Manila International Book Fair which they are a participant of, the biggest participant in fact. Every year, a mini-National Book Store and a mini-Powerbooks are transposed to the World Trade Center to give people a glimpse of what they have to offer.

This year, the annual Book Fair, organized by Primetrade Asia, is slated on Aug. 31 to Sept. 4 and will bring together book sellers, local and foreign publishers, wholesalers, retailers, book lovers and collectors, librarians, authors, publishers' representatives, and every major player in the publishing industry in its continuing efforts to promote books and reading.

In its 26 years, the MIBF has been instrumental in promoting books and literacy by giving publishers a venue to discuss and develop books, promote new titles and authors, and improve the quality of published works.

"We just have to be there because we are on the forefront of the industry and we have advocacies to tell the people aside, of course, from the books that we sell," says the young mother of two, who named her daughter Maxine Socorro.

Indeed, from the looks of it, Nanay Coring has already found a surefire way to ensure that the next generation at NBS will have something to build on—themselves.

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Leather workers look for new opportunities

FROM left: Marikina footwear consultant Tessie Endriga, GLS -GDS project manager Armin Stader, Emy Jorge of Solea Shoes and Peter Kern, GLS-GDS consultant

DESPITE political unrest that has affected the Philippine economy, members of the shoe and leather industry are optimistic local developments will not affect the country's trade relations with other countries and continue to look out for business opportunities.

So said leather experts Peter Kern and Armin Stader when they recently conducted a presentation seminar on leather goods in the country.

Big players in the local leather industry showed interest in joining the International Shoe and Leather Trade Fair this year and next year.

Despite the influx of cheap shoes from China, many local firms were able to continue operations. China produces three billion pairs of shoes a year, accounting for a third of the world's output.

But big and popular footwear manufacturers located in Marikina, Caloocan, Laguna, Bulacan, Rizal and Cebu City continue to struggle to keep their operations thriving.

The Department of Trade and Industry and the Marikina City government encourage shoe and leather manufacturers to participate in the world's premier shoe event, the GDS, which will take place again from Sept. 18-21, 2005 in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Also taking place in Messe Dusseldorf, Germany in Spring and Autumn 2006 is the GLS or the International Event for Leather Goods and More.

Kern and Stader said the international fair will open up market opportunities, and offer export-oriented manufacturers an access to new and international markets.

During the last GDS show in March 2005, 38,000 industry professionals from 71 countries took advantage of the event.

GDS displays a variety of products: children's shoes, everyday footwear, fashionable men's and women's shoes, highly exclusive and avant-garde designer models, sporty footwear, and leather boots.

In addition to the established big brands, interested buyers at GDS can also find new collections that can put them a cut above their competitors and enable them to offer customers something really special.

Despite all the variety, the product segments at GDS are defined and thematically summarized and products from the same genre are concentrated in specific areas.

"The bottom line is that those who wish to strategically position their products and companies globally must showcase them continuously during these kinds of trade fairs," say the international leather experts.

Kern said international presence can guarantee market entry in the medium term and the achievement of international market standing and market positioning in the long term.

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2. Hse & Lot / # 90 Dela Paz St (bet H Roxas & Victorino St) LA – 241 / FA – 320	2,079,000
LAS PINAS	**MIN BID**
3. 2 Sty. T'Hse /Unit-14, Aranda Cmpd,Talon-3,via Admiral St & San Pedro St,Carmencita Subd. LA–52 / FA–58 *w/ Lis Pendens	765,000
4. 2-Sty. T'Hse/# 475-C,North-11 St, Angela Vill., Brgy. Talon-2 LA-68/FA-101 (access via Happy Ville)	2,377,000
Union Villas T'hms.- BF Resort Vill.	
5. 2-Sty. T'Hse/ Unit-11, BFCarnival Park St nr E. Yuhico St Brgy Talon-2 / LA-85 / FA-128	2,301,000
ANTIPOLO, RIZAL (Lots)	**MIN BID**
6. H&L, L-7 B-3, Valley Golf Dr. Valley Golf Subd., Mayamot LA-1,961 / FA-107 (Nr. Ortigas Ext'n.)	5,424,000
7. L-20 B-17, Jerusalem St.Ph-5 Brgy Uulan/LA-120 (via Tikling Junction & Melendres Subd.)	332,000
8. L-23 B-10, Cottonwood Hts. Bayugo / LA-266 (near Sumulong)	1,332,000
9. L-21 B-2, Birchwood St, Cottonwood Hts, Bayugo / LA-355	1,778,000
10. Lot-47 Blk-18,Park Ridge Est. Ph.-3 (via Valley Golf) LA-611	1,852,000
11 L-17 B-1, Beverly St, Sta Barbara 1,Mission Hills Colaque/LA-1,021 (nr. Pines City)	3,692,000
ANGONO (via Antipolo)	**MIN BID**
12 Lot / L-6 B-2, Mills St. Sta. Monica Classic Est,Ph-3,Mission Hills Brgy Colaque/LA-540 (near Pines City)	1,950,000
BULACAN–San Jose Del Monte	**MIN BID**
13. H&L / L-47 B-23, Verde Hts (nr.Muzon-Mariao & Sta Maria-Tungko Rd) LA–40/FA–29 *with occupant	191,000
BULACAN – Plaridel	**MIN BID**
Brgy. Lalangan - Plaridel Heights	
14. Cor. Lot / L-2 B-47, LA-355	1,243,000
15. Cor. Lot / L-13 B-7, LA-404	1,414,000
16. Cor. Lot / L-2 B-38, LA-411	1,439,000
17. Lot / Lot- 25 Blk-8, LA-350	1,155,000
BULACAN - MALOLOS	**MIN BID**
18 H&L / Lot 2 & 3 Blk-17,Desta Ave cor. 1st St., Desta Hms. Brgy Atlag. LA-515 / FA-203 (near Sto. Cristo Diversion Rd.)	2,732,000
PASIG CITY – Ortigas Cntr.	**MIN BID**
19 Condo -4BR, 5TB, Maid's Rm., Pkng /Unit-2802 AIC Gold Twr Emerald Ave / FA-187 (nr. Robinsons)	6,900,000
QUEZON CITY	**MIN BID**
20. H&L/# 269 M Aquino St Banlat Rd,T.Sora LA-120 / FA-191 (near NPC-NIA Subdivision)	1,700,000
MAKATI CITY	**MIN BID**
Kingswood Twr.- P. Tamo cor. V. Cruz	
21. Condo / Unit-P2F, Tower-B 28th & 29th flrs. / FA-154	7,208,000
22 Condo / Unit-P3F,Tower-B 26th & 27th flrs / FA - 154	7,208,000
MALABON- Brgy. Dampalit	**MIN BID**
North Merville Park-I Subd. (*w/ occupants)	
23 *L-1 B-14, J Cancio St/LA-166	135,000
24. *Lot-19 Blk-13-A / LA – 168	162,000
25 *L-53 B-9 D Rosario St / LA-281	359,000
MALABON – Hulong Duhat	**MIN BID**
26 Lot / # 8 Don Basilio Bautista Blvd. / Lot Area – 886	6,200,000
CALOOCAN – Gracepark	**MIN BID**
27 Lot / L-25 & 26 B-31, 2nd St LA-388 (between 3rd & 4th Ave)	3,856,000
TAGAYTAY CITY	**MIN BID**
between Sta. Rosa, Lag. Short-cut & Aguinaldo H-way	
28 Lot/Lot-8, Tagaytay-Calamba Rd Tolentino-West (over looking Taal Lake) LA-2,156 *w/ Lis Pendens	20,000,000
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30. 3-Sty Bldg/ Lot-894-A-3,Mariano Laurel Drive Paso De Blas LA-463/FA-809 (nr Fortune Vill.-4)	5,300,000
TARLAC CITY	**MIN BID**
31 Agro-Indl / Lot-3871-D,Sapang Maragul Tibag /LA-10,001-near arch	2,984,000
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32. *Lot / B-15, LA – 40,171	2,550,000
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CAVITE – Carmona (Lot)	**MIN BID**
36 L-16 B-1,Ph-1,Mla Southwoods Brgy C Baybay/LA-1,224 (nr. Gate-1)	6,577,000
NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City	**MIN BID**
# 529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.)	
37 Lot / Lot 3-A-6 / LA-1,820	400,000
38 Lot / Lot 3-A-5 / LA-1,847	401,000
39 Lot / Lot 3-A-4 / LA-1,847	401,000
40 Lot / Lot 3-A-3 / LA-1,848	401,000
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43. H&L / Lot-5 Blk-8, Jupiter St. Satelite Ville,Sinalhan/LA–40/ FA-48	319,000
LAGUNA-Cabuyao, Poblacion	**MIN BID**
44. 2-Sty. H&L Unit-1 Bellbari Elsol Villas T'homes / LA-107 / FA-85 *Near Mcdonalds & Wet Market	1,000,000
CAVITE - Molino III, Bacoor	**MIN BID**
Central Phase – 2, Springville Subd. (Lots)	
45 L-24 B-7,MB Villar Ave./LA-120	974,000
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47. L-5 B-3, near ClubHse / LA-112	790,000
48 L-7 B-3, near ClubHse./LA-122	861,000
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69. Lot / L-10 B-19-B / LA - 2,245	2,245,000

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MAKATI CITY	**MIN BID**
Bangkal – near S.Super Hi-way & EDSA	
71. Lot/L-7 B-7,Evangelista St.cor. Arguelles St. / LA - 310	11,600,000
72. Lot / L-8 B-7, Evangelista St. Lot Area – 311	11,700,000
Millenium Plaza- Mktl. Ave. cor. Eduque St.	
73 Condo Unit / 5/F, FA–261 (near former Int'l Schl.)	17,765,000
PARANAQUE – San Dionisio	**MIN BID**
74. Lot-1-B & 1-C / Net LA-9,562 (back of SM Sucat & access) Beside Shell) w/ Lis Pendens	25,161,000
MANILA – Divisoria	**MIN BID**
75 2/F, KP Tower CM Recto Ave corner Juan Luna St / FA-658	28,792,000
QUEZON CITY	**MIN BID**
76 Building / Lots 8 & 9 Blk-S-27 Timog Ave LA-1,380-FA-1,500 (nr.Unionbank Br & GMA-7) *on Lease	70,000,000
77 W'house / 185 Roosevelt Ave. S.F Del Monte / LA-5,641 FA-3,454 (infront of Watch Twr)	140,000,000
78. Warehouse / # 138 Gen. Luis cor. Pasacola Rd, Nagkaisang Nayon N'Iches/LA-49,504,FA-23,384	300,000,000
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TAGUIG - Global City Fort Boni.	**MIN BID**
(infront of Adidas Sports Camp)	
83 Lot / L-3 B-18,cor of 28th St & 4th Ave / LA-1,643	164,300,000
TARLAC CITY – Poblacion	**MIN BID**
84. Lot / Lot-4-A, Panganiban St. LA-1,120 (infront of iceplant)	11,943,000
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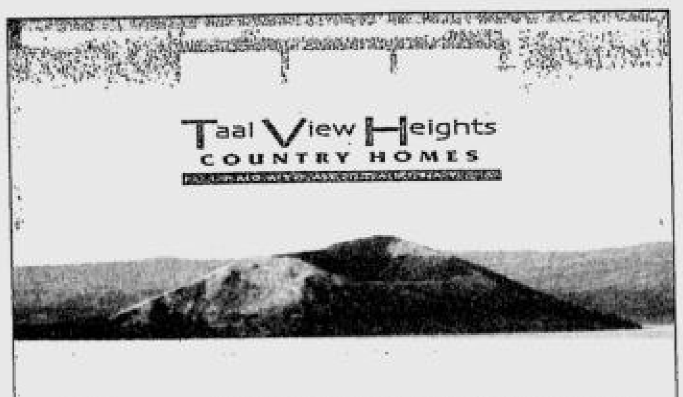

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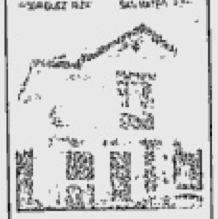

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given that the estate of the late LEON A. AGSUNOD has been extrajudicially settled with Simultaneous Sale as per Doc. No.4833, Book No. XI, Page No. 4, Series of 2005 of Notary Piblic Atty. Nicanor B. Narag of Batanes (PDI-July24,31&Aug.7, 2005)

NOTICE OF LOSS

LOSS of Ayala Corp Stck Cert. #4415 for 18,439 shares issued to ANTONIO MA. GUERRERO & /or CONSUELO S. GUERRERO.II No Contest Received New Certificate will be Be Issued.(PDI - July 24 ,31 & Aug. 7, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
KALINGA-APAYAO STATE COLLEGE
Dagupan, Tabuk, Kalinga 3800

NOTICE OF SEARCH AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of the Kalinga-Apayao State College formally and publicly announces that the

Search for Presidency

of the KALINGA-APAYAO STATE COLLEGE (KASC) is now open. Interested applicants and/or nominees are invited to send their formal applications to the Search Committee chaired by Dr. Kate C. Botengan.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a Filipino citizen
- MA, MS, Preferably a holder of a doctoral degree
- Preferably 35 to 60 years old but not more than 65 at the time of application
- Must be morally upright
- With Recognized leadership in his/her profession in the academe or industry
- With at least five (5) years of managerial/administrative experience

In addition to the above-mentioned qualifications, the applicants should make full disclosure of all administrative, criminal, and/or civil cases filed in any court in the Philippines and are required to submit the following clearances:

- National Bureau of Investigation
- Regional Trial Court Clearance where applicant's domicile is located
- Sandiganbayan
- Civil Service Commission and/or Certificate of No Pending Administrative Case issued by the Administrative Officer of present employer
- Previous Employer

Formal application addressed to the Search Committee should be accompanied with:

- Detailed curriculum vitaé and certified supporting documents (Subscribed by a Notary Public)
- Proposed Vision, Mission and Thrusts of the State College
- Results of neuro-psychiatric examination conducted by any government psychiatrist or any accredited health institution sealed and mailed separately by the examining psychiatrist to the SCP
- Medical Certificate from a government physician
- Drug Test Result

Interested applicants and/or those nominated for the position are requested to submit six (6) sets of their formal application and certified supporting documents on or before 30 September 2005 to:

The Office of CHED Comissioner S.M. OCAMPO, JR.
c/o MR. MARLON N. FABRICANTE
Executive Assistant IV
CHED, 5/f, DAP Bldg., San Miguel Ave.
Ortigas Center, 1605 Pasig City
Tel. No. (02) 635 1690
Telefax No. (02) 635 1693

OR

MS. PERFELIA RANCHEZ-BUEN
Board Secretary V
Kalinga-Apayao State College
Dagupan, Tabuk, Kalinga 3800
Cel. No. 0917-8226145
Fax No. (074) 198-1116
E-mail: fo_buen2005@yahoo.com

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

EVA QUIÑONES
a.k.a. Evangeline Q. Escubido

Be it known by the general public that WARRANTS for the arrest of **EVA QUIÑONES** alias **EVANGELINE Q. ESCUBIDO**, whose picture appears above, have been issued by the following **TRIAL COURTS**:

1. Metropolitan Trial Court of Metro Manila Branch No. 36, Quezon City CC NO. 0131547 FOR VIOLATION OF BP 22
2. Metropolitan Trial Court of Metro Manila Branch No. 70, Pasig City CC NO. 87286 FOR ESTAFA

Anyone who knows her whereabouts is requested to report it to the nearest police authorities. Her last known address is #45 P. Bautista St., Pansol, Balara, Q.C.
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ACTION CONTRA EL HAMBRE (ACH) is a Spanish humanitarian, voluntary, non-governmental (N.G.O.), non-religious, non-political and non-profit making organization. ACH has been providing assistance to vulnerable populations in the Philippines since May 2000 in food security, water and sanitation, health and nutrition. ACH has an office in Cotabato and is looking for a FOOD SECURITY COORDINATOR for Central Mindanao and ARMM Regions projects.

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To coordinate the overall food security humanitarian projects of Cotabato base.

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Deadline for applications

August 22nd, 2005

An application letter stating your motivation and your current salary, detailed curriculum vitae, including daytime telephone contact number and copies of university diploma, and professional references should be sent to:

Suresh Murugesu
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Accion Contra el Hambre
#47 San Gregorio St., Rosary Heights 13, Cotabato City
s_nathan56@hotmail.com
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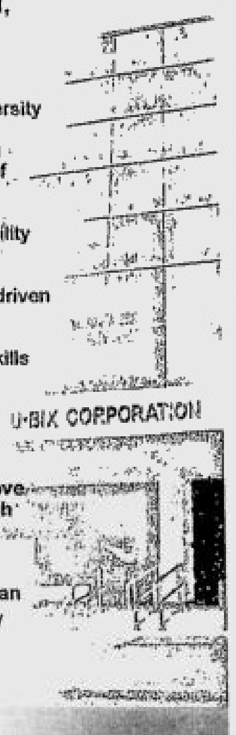

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Philippines-Australia Partnership for Economic Governance Reforms (PEGR) was established in March 2005. This is a A$30m (Php1.2b) Australian Government 5-year Facility.

Under a partnership arrangement with the Philippines Government, the Facility will primarily address economic governance reforms in the Philippines with an initial focus on improvements to fiscal management and facilitation of private sector development. More information relating to PEGR can be found at www.pegr.org.ph.

SAGRIC international is the managing contractor for the PEGR. Opportunities will soon be tendered for two reform agendas relating to improvements in budget management, details of which will be advertised over the forthcoming weeks.

In preparation.for this and other future opportunities, we are seeking expressions of interest from both firms and individuals who would like to be considered for PEGR activities. You can register your interest at the website listed above, following the prompts for "Online Sub-Contractor Registrations of Interest."

For further information, please e-mail admin@pegr.sagric.com or contact us at telephone number (02) 638-9686.

No closing date applies as this is an open call for registration of interest.

PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION
BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION # 2005-15

The **PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION** Bids and Awards Committee (PITC-BAC) invites direct importers and distributors of hospital, medical & laboratory supplies and equipment who can meet the following minimum qualifications to apply for accreditation:

- In the medical supplies and equipment business of Import/Distribution/Sales operation for at least two (2) years and are still in operation
- With Stockholder's Equity or Capital Account of at least P3 Million as of December 31, 2004.
- Must have valid License to Operate (LTO) issued by the Bureau of Food & Drugs (BFAD) as medical supplies and equipment Wholesaler/Distributor/Importer.
- Such other documentation requirements as stipulated in the Application Form for Accreditation.

Accreditation forms shall be available and may be secured from **August 3-31, 2005** at the PITC BAC Secretariat located at the 4th Floor, NDC Building, 116 Tordesillas St., Salcedo Village, Makati City c/o Mrs. Helen R. Muncal upon payment of a non refundable fee of P500.00.

Deadline for submission of accreditation forms and requirements shall be on **September 02, 2005**. Accredited suppliers shall be notified in writing by PITC and shall pay the accreditation fee of P5,000.00. Only accredited/eligible suppliers who have paid the accreditation fee will be allowed to participate in PITC projects.

PITC assumes no obligation whatsoever to accredit any firm or entity that does not meet its accreditation and eligibility requirements nor to award any project to any firm or entity on the sole basis of accreditation. Neither shall PITC assume any responsibility to compensate any firm or entity for any amounts or expenses incurred in preparation of accreditation and eligibility forms.

(Sgd.) **MARLENE R. LOPEZ**
CHAIR - BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

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- Articulate in oral & written communication

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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Name of Project	Approved Budget for Contract	Start of Purchase of Bid Document	Pre-Bid Conference	Deadline for Submission and Bid Opening	Bid Fee
1. Security service for: a. The CCP Building Grounds and the National Arts Center (NAC) in Makiling, Laguna	P19,124,448.37 19,124,448.37	8-11-05	8-24-05 1:30 PM	9-07-05 1:30 PM CCP Board Room (CBR)	P5,000.00
b. The Philippine High School for the Arts in Makiling, Laguna	P1,858,109.16 1,858,109.16				P1,500.00
2. Indoor Janitorial Services for all CCP owned Buildings	P5,293,163.28 5,293,163.28	8-11-05	8-24-05 3:30 PM	9-09-05 1:30 PM (CBR)	P3,000.00
3. Outdoor Janitorial Services for the CCP Complex	P4,352,679.73 4,352,679.73	8-16-05	8-26-05 1:30 PM	9-14-05 1:30 PM (CBR)	P2,000.00
4. Engineering Maintenance Services for all CCP Buildings	P5,620,805.28 5,620,805.28	8-16-05	8-26-05 3:30 PM	9-16-05 1:30 PM (CBR)	P3,000.00

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contracts shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below and on the dates indicated.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the BAC Secretariat upon payment of a non-refundable bid fee in the amount(s) indicated. The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective bidder or his authorized representative.

Bids and eligibility requirements must be submitted to the CCP BAC Secretariat on or before the scheduled deadlines. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of cash/certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit or bank guarantee or surety bond based on the agency approved budget for contract. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on the dates indicated. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives.

The award of the projects shall be based on the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid received from the Bidders.

The CCP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

BAC Secretariat
Cecilia E. Funtinilla
3/F CCP Tanghalang Pambansa (CCP Main Bldg.)
Roxas Blvd., Pasay City
Tel. Nos. 632-832-3667
632-832-2511 local 1106/1107
Fax No. 632-551-5960
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(Sgd.) **NIEVES T. DULDULAO**
BAC Chairperson

(PDI-Aug. 7 & 14, 2005)

Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
CONSTRUCTION OF THE BFO BUILDING'S AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM/SPRINKLER SYSTEM-PHASE I
ITB NO. 010-05

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites qualified Contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the below item project:

Items/Description	Approved Budget Ceiling for the Contract	Date Time		Price of Bid Documents (Non-Refundable)
		Pre-bid Conference	Submission of Bid Docs/ Opening of Bids	
1. Construction of the BFO Building's Automatic Fire Suppression System/Sprinkler System System - PHASE I	Php 4,992,951.70	Date: August 22, 2005 Time: 10:00 a.m. Office of DA for Management Services	Date: August 29, 2005 Time: 10:00 a.m. Office of DA for Management Services	Php2,000.00

The Bid documents shall be available at the BAC Secretariat c/o Mr. Reynaldo E. Cabrera, 5th Floor, BFO Bldg. Ortigas Ave. Mandaluyong City, Tel. no. 722-11-66, starting August 8, 2005, upon payment of Non-refundable fee indicated above. Only Bidders who have purchased the Bid Documents shall be eligible to attend the Pre-bid Conference and participate in the Bidding.

Sealed bid must be accompanied by any of the following bid security to be included in the first envelop as follows:

Form of Security	Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid
1. Cash Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Manager's Check, Bank drafts or irrevocable certification of credit.	One percent (1%)
2. Bank Guarantee	One a half percent (1 1/2%)
3. Surety Bond	Two and a half percent (2 1/2%)

The bidders shall drop two (2) envelopes: First envelope to contain Class A Documents: Legal, Technical, Financial, Class B Documents: Valid joint agreement in case of a joint venture, Letter authorizing the BAC or its duly authorized respresentative/s to verify any or all of the documents submitted for the eligibility check. Second envelope to contain Bid prices in the bill of Quantities in the prescribed Bid Form, Detailed estimates including a summary sheet indicating the unit prices of construction materials, labor rates and equipment rentals used in coming up with the bid, and Cash flow by the quarter and payments schedule, in the bid box located at Conference room of DA for Management Services 5th Floor, BFO Bldg. Mandalyong City.

Criteria for eligibility check, examination and evaluation of bids and post-qualification shall be non-discretionary pass/fail criteria. Only eligible bidders shall be considered for bid award

The POEA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formality or defect contained therein, and accept the offer deemed to be most advantageous to the Government. It assumes no obligation to indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bids, nor does it guarantee that an award can be made.

(Sgd.) **CARMELITA S. DIMZON, DPA**
Deputy Administrator for Mgt. Services and Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Aug. 7 & 14, 2005)

NFA offers training on GMP

THE FOOD Development Center (FDC) of the National Food Authority (NFA) will conduct a training course on the Requirements for Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in the Handling and Processing of Foods. The course will be implemented at the FDC Compound, FTI Complex, Tagig City on Aug. 19 and Sept. 9. The training aims to equip participants with the latest information on the requirements for good manufacturing practices in food plants and their adoption under local conditions. It is designed for quality control and food plant supervisors and exporters. The course fee is P1,600.00 per participant inclusive of a training manual, meals and shuttle bus service from Ayala Center, Makati to FDC. For further inquiries, please contact Amelia S. Bautista, at 838-4014; 838-4561; 838-4478; 838-4601 or at fax at 83-4017 and 838-4692 and at E-mail Address: infofdc@pacific.net.ph

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 07-82-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project Supply, Delivery & Installation of Metal Cladding for Casino Filipino – Pavillion
Approved Budget : Seven Million Two Hundred Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (P 7,251,200.00)
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from July 29, 2005 to August 19, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Pesos & 60/100 (Php 3,625.60).*** In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	August 8, 2005 (10 am)
Submission of Bids	August 22, 2005 (10 am)
Opening of Bids	August 22, 2005 (10 am onwards)

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd) **RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO**
Chairperson, BAC 4

(PDI – July 31 & August 7, 2005)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
A Global Corporation with a Global Mindset and a Filipino Heart

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 07-72-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project : Supply, Delivery & Installation of One (1) lot Carpet

BRANCH	AREA	REMARKS
Pavilion	5,000 sq. m.	Supply, delivery and installation
	250 sq. m.	Supply and delivery

Brief Description : Fabric Construction: Tufted, patterned, cut pile carpet tile; Carpet Fiber: Worsterlon 80/20 wool nylon blend; Gauge: 1/8 gauge; Density Factor: 410,256; Yarn weight: 40 oz. square yard/ 1356 gm/sqm; Min. of eight (8) colors that include silver, gold, bronze for 20 designs
Approved Budget Seventeen Million Two Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (P17,201,250.00)
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the Bid Documents available for issuance **from July 29, 2005 to August 22, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Eight Thousand Six Hundred & 63/100 (Php 8,600.63).*** In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	August 9, 2005 (2 pm)
Submission of Bids	August 23, 2005 (2 pm)
Opening of Bids	August 23, 2005 (2 pm onwards)

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

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Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 2

(PDI - July 31 & August 7, 2005)

PRISM
PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILIZATION FOR FAMILY PLANNING
USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Invitation to Submit Grant Applications in response to PRISM's Annual Program Statement

The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Planning (PRISM) project is calling for the submission of applications in response to the issuance of an **Annual Program Statement (APS) on the Expansion of Family Planning Services in The Private Sector.**

Who we are

PRISM is a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under contract number 492-C-00-04-00036-00 and implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International Inc.

Our mission

Through this APS, PRISM aims to generate innovative yet practical approaches to expand provision of family planning services in the private-sector setting.

How to apply

1. Download the full APS document from http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/PRISMGrants/
2. Submit a Grant Concept Summary between **August 19, 2005** to **August 30, 2006**. PRISM will evaluate grant concept summaries and pre-screen potential grant candidates. Applicants whose grant concept summaries are accepted will be notified in writing and requested to submit a full grant application. Grant concepts submitted on or before 5 pm of **August 19, 2005** will be included in the first round of pre-screening.

Who are eligible to apply

- Non-government organizations
- Private sector organizations which maybe for-profit or not-for-profit whose area of work is related to the achievement of the objectives of this APS.

If you need further details

Please attend the initial Grant Applicants' Conference scheduled on **August 9, 2005 at 10 am.** Henceforth and until June 2006, a Grant Applicants' Conference concerning this APS will be held every month. The schedule will be announced through the PRISM Grants Yahoo Group. The Conference will be held at the PRISM office located at 23/F Wynsum Corporate Plaza, F. Ortigas Ave (formerly Emerald Avenue), Ortigas Center. Telephone inquiries will not be entertained. For further inquiries, please email Ces Pangilinan, Senior Grants Manager at email address: grants@prism.org.ph

(PDI – August 5 & 7, 2005)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTE
(Head Office)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) invites interested general building contractors with current Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License to apply for eligibility and to bid and if later found eligible, to bid for the project described below.

Project Title : Proposed Site Development and Construction of Multi-Purpose Warehouse, Utility Building, Motorpool and Armored Trucks/Cars Parking Facilities (SPC-MPC Module 8)
Scope of Work : Furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, equipment, technical supervision and other services and performing all operations necessary for the completion of the proposed site development and construction of multi-purpose warehouse, utility building, motorpool and armored trucks/cars parking facilities all in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and subject to the terms and conditions of the contract
Project Location : East Avenue, Quezon City
Approved Budget : Fifty One Million Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (P51,400,000.00)
Source of Funding : Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Contract Duration : One Hundred (100) calendar days
Minimun Requirement (Criteria)
 PCAB License : Registration Particulars of at least "Medium B" (Building and Industrial Plant)
 Contractor's Construction Experience : Should have completed within the last five (5) years (2000 to present) at least three (3) projects involving site development works and construction of at least 2-storey commercial, industrial, or office buildings or similar projects one of which costs not less than twenty five million seven hundred thousand pesos (P25,700,000.00)
 Certification of Satisfactory Performance : Should be able to submit certificates of satisfactory performance from the client of the declared completed similar projects
 For those contractors who have previously done / completed BSP project/s, the certificate/s of satisfactory performance issued by the Bank for said project/s must be submitted
 Net Financial Contracting Capacity : At least Fifty One Million Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (P51,400,000.00) *computed as 10 x (current asset less current liabilities) minus (value of all on-going contracts including awarded yet to be started)*
 or
 Credit Line or Cash Deposit Certificate : At least Five Million One Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (P5,140,000.00)
Eligibility Statement Forms
 Cost of Forms : Two Hundred Pesos per set (P200.00/set)
 Date of Issuance : August 08 to 15, 2005 / 9:00 AM to 12 NN
 Deadline of Submission : August 19, 2005 / :30 PM
Notice of Eligibility/Ineligibility
 Date of Issuance : August 25, 2005 / 9:00 Am to 4:30 PM
Bid / Tender Documents Issuance : Shall be issued only to eligible contractors upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00)
 Date of Issuance : August 25 to 26, 2005 / 9:00 AM to 12:00 NN
Pre-Bid Conference
 Date and Time : September 9, 2005 / 10:00 AM
 Venue : MR2A, 2nd Floor, BSP Main Complex A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo St Manila
Submission and Opening of Bids
 Deadline of Submission : September 27, 2005 / 10:00 AM

For inquiries please call BAC Secretariat – telephone no. 524-7011 local 3143.

The venue for the issuance and submission of accomplished eligibility statements and bid documents is at the BAC Secretariat, Room 204, 2nd Floor - Five Storey Building, BSP Main Complex, A. Mabini cor P. Ocampo St. Manila.

The schedule of bid activities from the issuance of notice of eligibility / ineligibility up to the deadline of submission of bids may be subject to change.

The provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 and its implementing Rules and Regulations shall govern relative to the bidding and award of contract including its implementation.

BSP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any defect or formality therein, or accept such bid or award any part thereof to any contractor whose bid is evaluated to be most advantageous to BSP. Furthermore, BSP is not obliged to compensate/indemnify the contractor for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award of contract will be made.

(Sgd.) JUAN DE ZUÑIGA, JR.
Chairman

(PDI-August 7 & 15, 2005)

PRISM
PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILIZATION FOR FAMILY PLANNING
USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Request for Submission of Applications

The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Planning (PRISM), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under contract number 492-C-00-04-00036-00 and implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International Inc., is soliciting applications from qualified non-government and/or private sector organizations for the:

Local Manufacture of Medium/Low Priced Hormonal Contraceptive Brands in the Philippines RFA number: 2005-02-02

Grant funding will be provided to a successful applicant in accordance with standard USAID policies.

This solicitation is open to pharmaceutical manufacturing companies, non-government organizations as well as private sector for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Specific eligibility requirements are indicated in the Request for Application (RFA) document.

Applicants interested in getting the full details of this solicitation can download the full document in PDF format from the PRISM Grants Yahoo Group (http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/PRISMGrants/)

The closing date for the submission of applications is on September 19, 2005 at 5 pm.

Grant Applicants' Conference is scheduled on August 19, 2005 at 10 am. The Conference will be held at the PRISM office located at 23/F Wynsum Corporate Plaza, F. Ortigas Ave (formerly Emerald Avenue), Ortigas Center.

Telephone inquiries regarding the solicitation will not be entertained. For questions please email Ces Pangilinan, Senior Grants Manager at email address: grants@prism.org.ph

(PDI – August 5 & 7, 2005)

TENDER FOR BIDS

A self-propelled, IACS-classed (i.e., ABS, Lloyds, etc.) tanker with storage capacity of about 15,000-25,000 barrels is needed to lift crude oil at the Nido Platform terminal located offshore of NW Palawan starting January 2006.

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Attention: General Manager - For SC 14 Operations
Tel. No.: 813-0623 / Fax No.: 812-9828

Deadline for submission of sealed bids is August 31, 2005.

(PDI--July 31, August 7 & 14, 2005)

Marissa del Mar inducted as Rotary Club Charter President

"THE New Age of Service" as the title of the Rotary Year 2005-2006 Induction Ceremonies of the Rotary Clubs of Makati Buendia, Makati Dasmariñas, Makati Northeast, Makati Urdaneta and the Charter Presentation of the Rotary Club of Makati-Nielsen the 78th Club in the firmament of the Rotary District 3830, held at the Makati Sports Club in Makati City.

Marissa del Mar as the charter president of the Rotary Club of Makati-Nielsen is another milestone in her public service career. She has been chosen to lead the newest club for the basis that she indeed has the heart in helping others especially the less-privileged kababayans, this was shown as she had already put up her own Millicent Foundation, Inc.. Her tv program "Up Close and Personal…" has also been a vehicle in paving way of helping others.

Advocacies of the Rotary Clubs District 3830 are health, battle against hunger, literacy, water and Rotary awareness. The international service describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. Through the years Rotarians has bridged distances and differences in culture. As we speak different tongues for rotary there is one language around the world: the language of service. Bear witness the charter presentation and joint induction of the Rotary Clubs of: Makati Buendia with serving president Marita Alover, Makati Northeast with serving president Patrick Maneze, Makati Urdaneta with serving Melinda "Mel" Gimmi, Makati Dasmariñas with serving president Gilda Lim and charter presentation of Rotary Club of Makati-Nielsen with charter and serving president Marissa del Mar, this Wednesday the 10th of August 2005 over IBC 13.

The event, graced by the epitome of continuity and consistency, District Governor Jaime "Jimmy" Cura, together with immediate past District Governor Tony Quila, past District Governors Ernie Salas, Sonny Coloma, and Willy Segovia, District Secretary Al Montecillo, Governor's Aid Paul Chang, Assistant Governor Donnie Alas, National Real Estate Association President Ka Pepe Manalad, District Governor's Representative Sue Sta. Maria, past President Marycris Oplas. Among the dignitaries are: Minister Carlos Carvalho of the Embassy of Brazil, Honorable Doris Serban of the Embassy of Romania, three time President of All Nation Women's Group Lolita Mirpuri, PGH Medical Foundation President Dr. Gregorio Alvior, all the Serving President's 101, Rotary Club of Tanauan Batangas in full support to CP Marissa del Mar.

Induction of New Rotary Club Officers and Members by Past District Governor Sonny Coloma

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NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that the following employees had resigned from HFS Philippines, Inc.

1. JESSICA V. VILLAN
(Effective July 1, 2005)
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(Effective July 8, 2005)
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(Effective July 16, 2005)

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that **GROLIER INTERNATIONAL, INC.** has no employee/representative in the name of **TEDDY MACUJA, aka TEDDY CORTEZ, JUN CORTEZ.** This person is not authorized to sell directly or indirectly our books/reference materials nor he is authorized to collect down payment or any form of payments from existing and prospective customers.

Any transactions entered into by him shall not be honored and any information on him should be immediately reported to us.

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(PDI- Aug. 7, 2005)

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With deepest sorrow,

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Founding Partner

SEN. RAUL S. ROCO

on August 5, 2005

Senator Roco is survived by his wife, **Sonia**, his children, **Robbie Pierre**, **Raul Jr.**, **Sophia**, **Sareena**, **Rex** and **Synara**, and his daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

He will be buried on Thursday, August 11, 2005 in Naga City.
The body lies in state at the Sta. Maria Della Strada, Katipunan Road corner Pansol Street, Quezon City.
He will be brought to Naga City at noon on August 8, 2005.

We ask you to join us in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

In lieu of flowers, donations for the Cancer Program of the Andres Soriano Foundation, Inc. would be greatly appreciated.

ROCO KAPUNAN MIGALLOS & LUNA LAW OFFICES

ROSALIO S. BUENAFE

of Bangued, Abra and Makati City

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on August 5, 2005 at the age of 85.

His loving wife **Mina**; children **Preg** and **Cora**, **Flor** and **Joe**; grandchildren **Cherrie**, **Joji**, **JB**, **Kate**, **Bryan** and **Ronald**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Del Pilar Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park) Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at Manila Memorial Park after the 2:00 p.m. Mass.

Death Notices

ESTER BERNADOS CABAÑGIS

Peacefully joined our Creator on August 3, 2005.

Her remains lie in state at her residence in 1510 Velasquez St., Tondo, Manila. Interment will be on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, 9 a.m. at Manila North Cemetery.

ELVIRA P. DELOS SANTOS

Died on August 6, 2005

Her remains lie in state at Chapel E, La Funeraria Paz Araneta Ave., Quezon City. Interment to be announced later.

ALBERTO MAGAT TAMAYO

Passed away on August 2, 2005 at the age of 61.

His body lies in state at the Dulce Memorial Chapels, Jasper Chapel (2nd Floor), 2926 Jose Abad Santos Ave. cor. Dinalupihan St., Manuguit, Manila. Interment will be on August 7, 2005 at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Quirino Hi-way, Quezon City at 9:00 AM

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

(2 Timothy 4)

Our Dearly Beloved Angie

ANGELIE de BORJA CANLAS

August 19, 1964 – August 3, 2005

has peacefully joined our Lord

*She will be missed deeply by her loving husband **Michael** and son **Mikko**; parents **Angel** and **Nellie de Borja**; parents-in-law **Toting** and **Ping Canlas**; **Lola Coring** and **Lola Vacion**; brothers, sisters and in-laws **Ferdie** (†) and **Anna de Borja**, **Pam** and **Aaron Gonzales**, **Jenny** and **Abet San Juan**, **Tina** and **Edwin Rodelas**, **Dennis** and **Lala de Borja**, **Junjun** and **Mel Oracion**, **Kenneth** and **Coco Critelli**, **Pipay Canlas**, **Tong Canlas**, **Michelle Canlas** and nephews, nieces and friends.*

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Pasig City.

Interment will be at the Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, August 10, 2005

THE CONGREGATION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (CICM)

requests your prayers for

REV. FR. WILFRIED VERMEULEN, CICM

born in Brugge, Belgium on September 6, 1939, he died in Quezon City on August 5, 2005, at the age of 65.

He served as Instructor at the Maryheights Seminary and Adviser at the SLU Boys' High School, Baguio City; Professor/Prefect at the San Carlos Seminary, Guadalupe, Makati; Chaplain, Saint Mary's College, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya; Assistant Parish Priest of Solano, Nueva Vizcaya; Assistant Treasurer, and later Historian and Archivist at the CICM-RP Provincial House.

His remains lie in state at the CICM Provincial House at No. 60, 14th Street, New Manila, Quezon City, until August 9, 2005 and will be transferred to the Maryhurst Seminary Chapel in Baguio City on August 10, 2005.
Interment will be on August 11, 2005 (Thursday), at the CICM Cemetery after the 9:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection at the Maryhurst Seminary Chapel, Baguio City.

PLEASE PRAY TO THE LORD FOR HIS ETERNAL REPOSE.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANTONIO A. CONTY

of Tiaong, Quezon and Lipa City, Batangas
April 17, 1932 – August 5, 2005

His bereaved wife **Emma Katigbak Templo**; children **Dodjo** and **Baby**, **Nenette**, **Eireen** and **Val**, **Emy** and **Ricky**, **Estelle** and **Carlo**, **Alboy** and **Mila**, **Nino**, **Evelyn** and **Myrone**; grandchildren **Anton**, **Oree**, **Raffy**, **Nathan**, **JB**, **Jason**, **Mikee**, **Marla**, **Itos**, **Timmy**, **Katrina**, **Alyanna**, **Joma**, **Gervic** and **Marty**; brothers, sisters and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Lipa City Mortuary, San Sebastian Cathedral.

Interment will be at the Lipa Catholic Cemetery on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 after the 2:00 p.m. Concelebrated Mass.

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

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of Quezon City

who peacefully joined our Lord on 25 July 2005

wish to express and convey our heartfelt
and sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all those
who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers
and messages of sympathy, visited, kept vigil, joined us
in the funeral rites, and in countless other ways,
comforted and condoled with us
in our hour of bereavement.

CLARITA NAGAÑO MAGTOTO

August 16, 1934 – August 03, 2005

Peacefully joined her Creator at the age of 71.

Her body lies in state at the Ilagan Memorial Homes, Zulueta St., corner Burgos Avenue, Cabanatuan City.

We, the family of Claring, her bereaved mother Agapita "Petring" Nagaño, children Aldrin-Patty and Mal; grandchildren Polvic and Merys, brothers, sisters and all relatives sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who condoled with us in our moment of grief.

She will be brought to her resting place at the Sagrada Familia Memorial Park, Cabanatuan City on August 7, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

Don Augusto L. de Asis

Born in Manila, September 13, 1921
Passed away in New York, July 15, 2005

His loving wife
Yolanda Gutierrez de Asis

Children
Joanne and **Joly Benitez**
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Augusto Jr. and **Marilen Echevarria**
Eduardo and **Colleen Kawaguchi**
Marie and **Ralph Schnabel**
Miguel
Jose Marie
Patricia and Winston Chan

Grandchildren
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Nikki, Amanda, Arianne de Asis
Micker, Sabrina, and **Yani Schnabel**
Kinna and **Erika Chan**

Brothers and sisters
Abelardo (†) and **Paz de Guzman**
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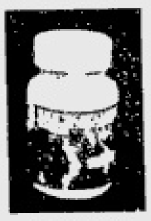

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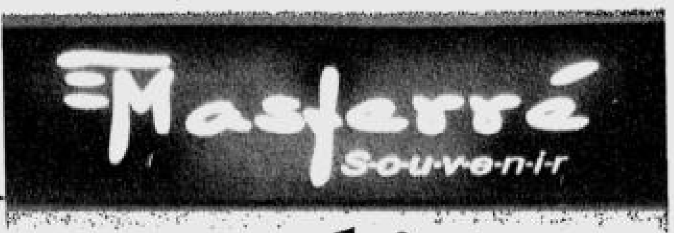

Cashing in on photographs that preserve history

By Donna Demetillo
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—While history is pressed between the pages of a book, the tradition and daily lives of ancient Cordillerans have been preserved in trendy bags, shirts, and throw pillows.

These images were captured by the late Cordillera photographer Eduardo Masferre and transferred into wearable and usable items by his daughter under the trade name "Masferre."

Nena Aleo, Masferre's daughter and owner of the Masferré Souvenir Shop here, says the images have taught her priceless lessons in appreciating the simple life.

"You buy not just the shirt [and other items], but you also learn to appreciate simple and ordinary things. These help Pinoys to think Pinoy *talaga* (indeed)," she says.

Aleo says she grew up in a house where her father's framed photographs hung on every wall of their living room.

She says she never really appreciated these priceless photographs until the day she asked her father to buy her a toy. That request was prompted by her envy of the new toys that her playmates had then.

Masferre, she says, asked her to sit down and listen to a story of two Igorot boys playing with a piece of wood.

Masferre then showed Aleo a picture he had taken of the boys who were leaning over a mortar while running the wood over the brim of a mortar and pretending it was a Dangwa bus running along a winding mountain road.

Aleo says her envy of her playmates' toys disappeared as she looked at the boys, their backs turned to the camera, happily playing with their "little Dangwa bus."

It was then that Aleo realized that happiness could be derived from simple things and a simple life.

She says this story made her firm in imparting her father's lesson on simplicity and contentment to as many people as possible through Masferre's photographs.

Starting small

Aleo started small, with little money and no sewing machine of her own in 1985.

She would buy ready-to-wear shirts where her father's photographs would be silk-screened. The shirts occupied a small corner of her shop in Shoppers' Lane here where she also sold kitchenware.

In 1995, she opened another shop at Ferguson Road here and started sending her Masferré products to her sister's inn in Sagada, Mt. Province, where they maintained a souvenir section for tourists.

By then, she had started making Masferré bags crafted from cheap cloth.

Aleo says it was only in 1997 that she was able to pool enough money to buy two used sewing machines to make her own shirts to carry her father's photographs.

By 2000, she bought another three used sewing machines and hired three workers to make the bags.

Full blast production started at her house in Barangay Central Ambiong in La Trinidad, Benguet. In this backyard production area, Aleo and her workers perfected the technique of silk-screening Masferre's photos on various types of fabric.

Aleo now employs nine sewers working on used machines.

She says she would soon hire additional workers and buy more sewing machines when they start exporting the Masferre items to the United States and Europe later this year.

She says they are starting to produce bags for the international market and are planning to produce shirts for children ages 2 to 6.

Aleo now has a shop at SM City Baguio where the Masferré bags and shirts earn for her at least P4,000 a day.

Her souvenir shop in Ambiong was also recognized by the Department of Trade and Industry as one of the top tourist shops in the region.

Aleo says she uses only 20 of her father's photographs in the items' designs.

At least 32 styles of bags are available for the local market. Aleo says they are creating distinctive styles for the items that they would export.

SALESLADY Julia Pencilo modeling the shoulder bag "Depya" (the name came from their relative-shop owner in their hometown in Mt. Province) at the Baguio branch

PHOTOS BY EV ESPIRITU

MASFERRE souvenir shop located on the 3rd floor, SM Baguio City

Masferre legacy

Masferré was born on April 18, 1909 in Sagada to Jaime Masferré, a Spanish soldier from Cataluña, Spain, and local lass Mercedes Cunyap Langkew.

His interest in photography started during his teenage years. While teaching at St. Mary's School in Sagada, he took photography as a hobby.

Masferre bought his first camera in 1933 by mail order from Kodak in the United States.

He learned to print films and used his toilet as a makeshift studio and darkroom. He also made his own developing trays and a solar enlarger, and even tried to make his own camera.

Masferre's photographs featured the daily activities of his mother's people. The images showed them going about their chores in their traditional clothing—the men in their head gears and G-strings and the women wearing only a woven cloth, called the *tapis*, wrapped around their waists.

From 1930 to 1950, Masferre went around Mt. Province and Kalinga to document the culture and lives of tribes there. Masferré immersed himself with Cordillera's communities to understand their culture.

His photographs were exhibited in Baguio, Manila, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao and Bacolod. These also toured Denmark, Tokyo, the United States, England and other parts of Europe.

Recently, a group of photographers in the Philippines started gathering signatures to push Masferre's recognition as a national artist. Masferre died in 1995 at the age of 86.

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Editor **Chelo Banal-Formoso**

US-based Monique Lhuillier used to iron her clothes for trade shows. Now she has a hundred sewers and the fashion press watches out for her creations

THIS writer and Monique at her boutique

Wedding fashion's red carpet

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TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

IN THIS EXCLUSIVE, Philippine Daily INQUIRER and Philippine Tatler went to Los Angeles, USA, to interview one of the hottest international designers in the world, US-based Filipina **Monique Lhuillier**.

I stayed in L.A. for five days where I caught up with some friends, went to a ball which had **Janet Jackson** as guest speaker, went to the premiere of "Bewitched" and caught "Imelda" the musical. None, of course, would hold a candle to the real reason why I was there.

This writer flew to L.A. to conduct the interview in early July. It was photographed by US-based **Kevin Lynch**, who has worked for Harper's Bazaar and In Style. It was Monique's first time ever to do an interview for a Philippine publication.

Lhuillier has dressed many A-list Hollywood celebrities such as **Angelina Jolie** and **Sharon Stone**. Brides-to-be dream of her frothy wedding gowns. (She did **Britney Spears'** wedding gown.) Her name is spoken in the same breath as **Oscar de la Renta**, **Vera Wang** and **Carolina Herrera**, and her fashion shows during New York Fashion Week are must-go-to events for fashion editors, ladies-who-lunch, buyers and everybody else who matters in the fashion industry.

Monique is the current red-carpet favorite because of the romanticism of her gowns, a fitting throwback to old Hollywood glamour. She is living the dream of every designer—visibility in all the major magazines, critical and commercial success, a growing list of clients, and a widening fan base.

Now employing more than a hundred sewers, beaders and assistants, Monique is conquering the fashion world, distributing her collections to all the high-end department stores such as Bergdorf Goodman, Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus, and planning to set up boutiques in all the major capitals of the world. She is set to open her newest boutique in New York, adjacent to Bergdorf Goodman's in September.

Though she has been likened to Wang, De la Renta and Herrera, Monique says, "These people are legendary. I am very flattered." But like the more established fashion designers, she also wants to turn the Monique Lhuillier name into a lifestyle brand, into an empire that sells everything from shoes to

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RICHARD and Rachel at the altar with their parents Ramon and Annabel Corrales, and Lino Gruppetta and Alice Debono

NEWLYWEDS Richard Shane Gruppetta and Rachel Anna Corrales

An international wedding

By Yett Montalvan Aguado
Contributor

The wedding of Pilita's niece draws guests from different parts of the globe

THE WEDDING at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, Makati, of Richard Shane Gruppetta and Rachel Anna Corrales was an international event.

The American-born bride has Filipino parents, while the groom is Maltese but raised in Australia. Guests came from the United States, Australia, Japan, England and South Africa.

The couple met in Tokyo, Japan, where they are both working. He is head for market research of a Fortune 10 global consumer products organization. She is a senior human resource specialist for a global investment bank.

The groom is the son of Lino Gruppetta and Alice Debono of Australia. His bride is the older of two daughters of Dr. Ramon Corrales and the former Annabel Montalvan, who were from Cebu and Cagayan de Oro City. The Corrales family now lives in Kansas, USA.

Fr. James O'Donnell, S.J., long-time friend of the Corrales family and who knew the bride since she was a child, officiated at the wedding ceremony.

Corrales, in a classic strapless gown with an A-line silhouette by Katrina Goulbourn-Feist, walked down the aisle to the String Minstrels' rendition of Schubert's "Ave Maria" and was met halfway by her father.

Unusual

The gown was an unusual combination of duchess satin and Silk Cocoon's (the Goulbourns' shop) own handwoven *abaca* striped silk, draped across the empire bodice end along the detachable long train, embellished with pearls and Swarovski crystal beads. Beading trimmed the hemline.

No two members of the entourage wore exactly the same dresses. The gowns, with different necklines, combined sky blue duchess satin and crinkled iridescent blue taffeta. The maid of honor wore a single-strap gown of the same materials with a leaf appliqué. The ring bearer wore knee-length pants, vest and cravat to complement the groomsmen's attire. Photographs were taken by Menchit Ongpin.

Principal sponsors were Carlos Lopez and Pilita Corrales, and Edwin and Rosa (née Corrales) Feist.

The wedding entourage consisted of best man Kotaro Kamimura, the groom's best friend; maid of honor Anna-Lisa Corrales, the bride's younger sister; groomsmen Jamie Baker, Jason Fishelberg and Billy Mitchell; and bridesmaids Asli Gulcur, Katrina Goulbourn-Feist and Jackielou Blanco.

Six-year-old Miggy Jimenez was ring bearer, while five-year-old Maxine Gutierrez was flower girl. Secondary sponsors were Haruyo Miyazaki and Keisuke Miyazaki, candle; Sharon Gruppetta-Stevens and James Brink, veil; and Candace Seese Lord and Scott Harper, cord.

Buffet and sit-down dinner

Reception was held at the mezzanine of the Manila Polo Club. Guests initially enjoyed an afternoon buffet of *cochinillo*, two kinds of paella, and *gambas* with wine. It was followed by a sit-down dinner of grilled *lapu-lapu*, a salad of assorted greens, chicken *ala pobre*, and citrus sorbet in between, capped by a medley of desserts, coffee, tea and cheese, with red and white wines and champagne.

The three-tiered pink and gold fondant cake was created by Babe Ibazeta of Classic Confections.

At the reception, the father of the bride honored the groom's parents with an Italian song. He then introduced his sister Pilita, known as "Asia's Queen of Songs," who rendered three songs.

Guests later danced to Latin music from the Guarana band.

The couple's wedding symbol was the Chinese "double happiness," synonymous with luck and good fortune. Guests got an antique-style bookmark designed by the newlyweds. With a base carved from caribou horn, it consisted of Philippine pearls and a jade stone with a tassel at the end. A specially handcrafted navy blue box made of silk with Oriental design held the bookmark.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Amanpulo in Palawan before returning to Tokyo.

FATHER of the bride Ramon Corrales does the salsa with daughter Anna-Lisa, cousin Luisa Pardo and bridesmaid Asli Gulcur.

THE BRIDE and groom with their entourage: bridesmaids Asli Gulcur, Katrina Goulbourn-Feist and Jackielou Blanco; maid of honor Anna-Lisa Corrales; best man Kotaro Kamimura; groomsmen Jamie Baker, Jason Fishelberg and Billy Mitchell; ring bearer Miggy Jimenez; and flower girl Maxine Gutierrez

PRINCIPAL sponsors Carlos Lopez and Pilita Corrales walk down the aisle.

MIGGY Jimenez played his role as ring bearer dutifully.

Grand wedding in Andalusia

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

FRIENDS of **José Maria Losada** in Cebu are happy to know that he recently got married in Sevilla, capital of the autonomous region of Andalucia in Spain. His bride is **Vanesa Toribio**, pretty daughter of banker **Juan Manuel Toribio** and **Ana Garcia Marquez de Toribio**. They both belong to very prominent families in the area.

José Maria is the scion of an equally aristocratic family. His father is **Manuel Losada de la Cova** who is the son of **Don Bernardo** and **Doña Concha**, count and countess of Bagaes. They are also viscount and viscountess of Guadalupe. Both titles have been in their family for centuries.

José Maria's mother is **Myra Gonzalez y Osmeña**, granddaughter of the late President **Sergio Osmeña Sr.**, Cebu's most revered statesman. She resides in Cebu and for this occasion travelled to Sevilla to stand as her son's "madrina." Her *terno* of crystal-embroidered *piña*, made by **Myrna Cebrecus**, drew much admiration.

Myra was accompanied by her youngest daughter **Inmaculada Losada (Mrs. Paolo Manguerra)**, who also resides in Cebu. The other children are all in Spain: Bea Losada, escorted by her fiancée **Fran Garcia**, and **Bernie Losada** with his wife **Carmina**. Bernie and Carmina reside in Sevilla and help run the family's agricultural estates.

The morning wedding was held at the beautiful church of San Antonio Abad in the chapel of El Cristo del Silencio, to which the Toribio family is deeply devoted. The reception was at the Palacio de Al-Yamanah, famous for its Moorish gardens.

Cocktails and tapas were served before the formal luncheon, which took place when it was late in the afternoon. It goes without saying that the celebration went on well into the evening, with dancing and much merry-making. And when in Sevilla, what else do you but dance Sevillanas? Olé!

Myra and Inma have since returned to Cebu with glowing reports on the splendid occasion. Everyone is asking them if the newlyweds have included Cebu in their honeymoon itinerary. They have many relatives and friends here.

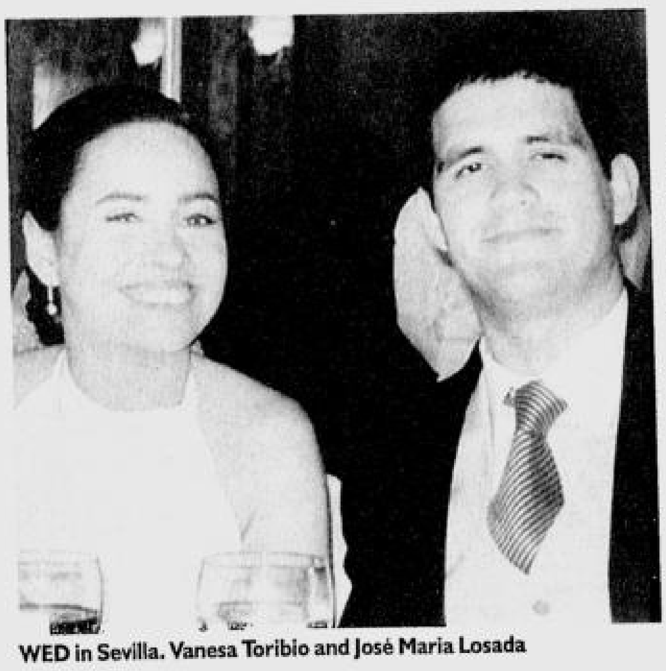
Fabulous food

We realize the passing of time when our friends' children, like those above, get married, and when they assume important executive posts. Like **Dottie Coronel**, daughter of **Topper and Evelyn** (née Neri) **Coronel**. She is now in charge of the Kitchen Division at Focus Global. Read that as Miele, a highly upscale brand.

Dottie came to Cebu with **Cara Marcelo**, Focus Global store manager, and asked **Bunny Ludo** to take time out and cook some of her fabulous recipes using Miele equipment. They chose the kitchen of **Marissa Aboitiz.**

Convinced that the Miele steamer oven was the best thing one could install to churn out health food were the following ladies who attended:

Amparito Lhuillier, Annabelle Lu Ym, Annie Aboitiz, Bernadette Gallego, Julie Alegrado, Lisa Paradies, Minnie Osmeña, Nagako Kobayashi, Pilar Streegan, Susie Milne, Toots Torres and **Maricris Encarnacion**, who, with **Mary Anne Arculli**, made a beautiful coverage of the event for Gracious Living, the glossy mag distributed to residents of Cebu's prime de luxe address—Maria Luisa Estate Park.



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MIELE's Dottie Coronel and Amparito Lhuillier

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Every child is unique because of the personality and abilities he possesses. This identity is largely determined by the care he receives during his formative years. It is a powerful force; for it directly affects the way a child learns and how he develops the skills he needs to succeed in life.

University of North Carolina professor and author Dr. Mel Levine says, to help your child develop his skills, you first have to understand how he is "wired". Dr. Levine is one of the best-known education experts and pediatricians in America; he has helped hundreds of children overcome their learning difficulties. He says that the mind, like the body, has different systems that are responsible for specific functions. Dr. Levine maps 8 systems that control Attention, Memory, Motor, Spatial Ordering, Higher Thinking, Language, Sequential Ordering and Social Thinking. These systems are dependent upon each other and work together to make learning successful.[1]

Dr. Levine also says, each child is wired to be "strong" and "weak" in a number of these systems. This makeup, or list of personal strengths and weaknesses, is what he refers to as a "neurodevelopmental profile". By building on a child's strength, Dr. Levine says, you can help the child overcome his weaknesses and help him learn better.

To understand how a child's strengths came to be, parents, teachers and doctors must first be aware of the factors that define a child's profile.

What are the factors that define a child's profile?

There are 7 factors, first of which is **Genes**. Parents cannot choose what characteristics are passed unto their children. Most of the time, smart parents beget smart kids, and children who have learning difficulties have parents with similar problems. This shared experience makes it easier for the parent to understand their kids, and know what measures should be taken to help their child improve. Dr. Levine notes that both parents and children should remember that, although genes are powerful, they should not prevent people from working on their weak spots, especially when they are worth working on.

Family Life affects a child's profile, as do **Stress Levels.** Children who grow up in families that are economically challenged are exposed to financial, marital and other domestic problems that can lead to disinterest in learning. Children who belong to well-off families, on the other hand, may be more receptive to learning, because of the things they have, and the influence of intellectual conversations when the family spends time together. Poverty has its risks, as does being over-privileged and overindulged. The neighborhood, the community, and local resources of many different kinds affect a mind's evolving strengths and deficits.

Cultural Factors help determine which strengths and weaknesses get stronger and which one does not. This is because children are receptive to what they observe in their environment. They adapt what they see and observe in the actions of family members and friends. Some cultures influence children to be diligent in their studies, while others make them more inclined to sports.

Friends, too, play a dominant role in shaping minds of children. Since children spend more time with friends in and out of school, they get influenced by them most. Those who have interest in learning affect their peers, encouraging them go about their tasks in school responsibly. In the same way, those who don't hold interest in learning become negative role models, letting others look at academic success as somewhat un-cool and not necessary.

Emotions also affect children's learning. Children's emotions and their neurodevelopmental functions are like a two-way street: emotional problems may weaken the functions and make a child struggle in school, and weakened functions (trouble in class) can cause emotional turmoil.

Educational experience should also be considered. Recent studies show that the quality of teaching most certainly affects a child's mind profile. Good instruction can result in positive changes in the brain structure.

And last but certainly not the least, a child's **Health** affects how he learns. Numerous medical factors either impede or foster brain development during the school years. Certain illnesses and physical trauma all may play a role in the shaping of their profile. Proper nutrition, particularly during a child's first years of life, is crucial. Without it, brain development and cognitive functioning are severely impaired. This has an impact on a child's ability to learn.[2]

You, as a parent, are in the best position to influence many of the factors listed above. By providing a good environment, lots of encouragement and the best care possible, you can help your child develop a positive profile that would, in turn, help him learn better and accelerate his development.

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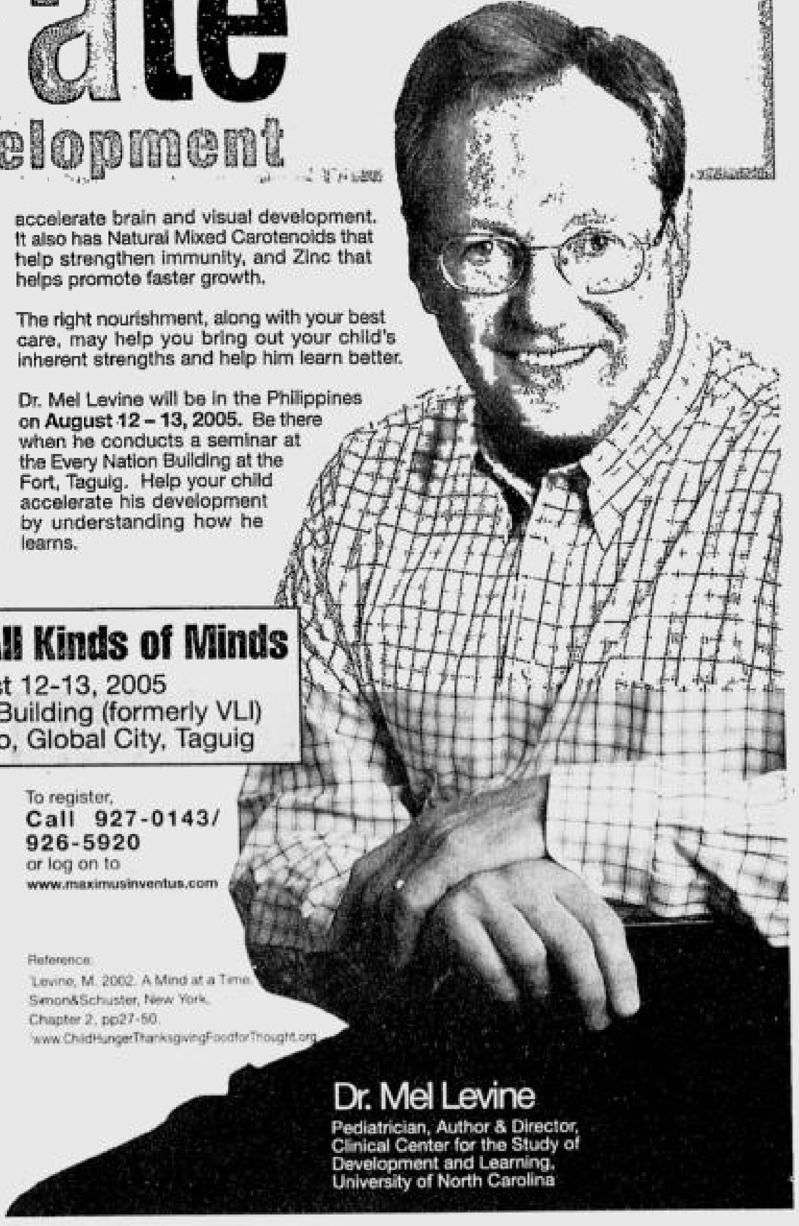

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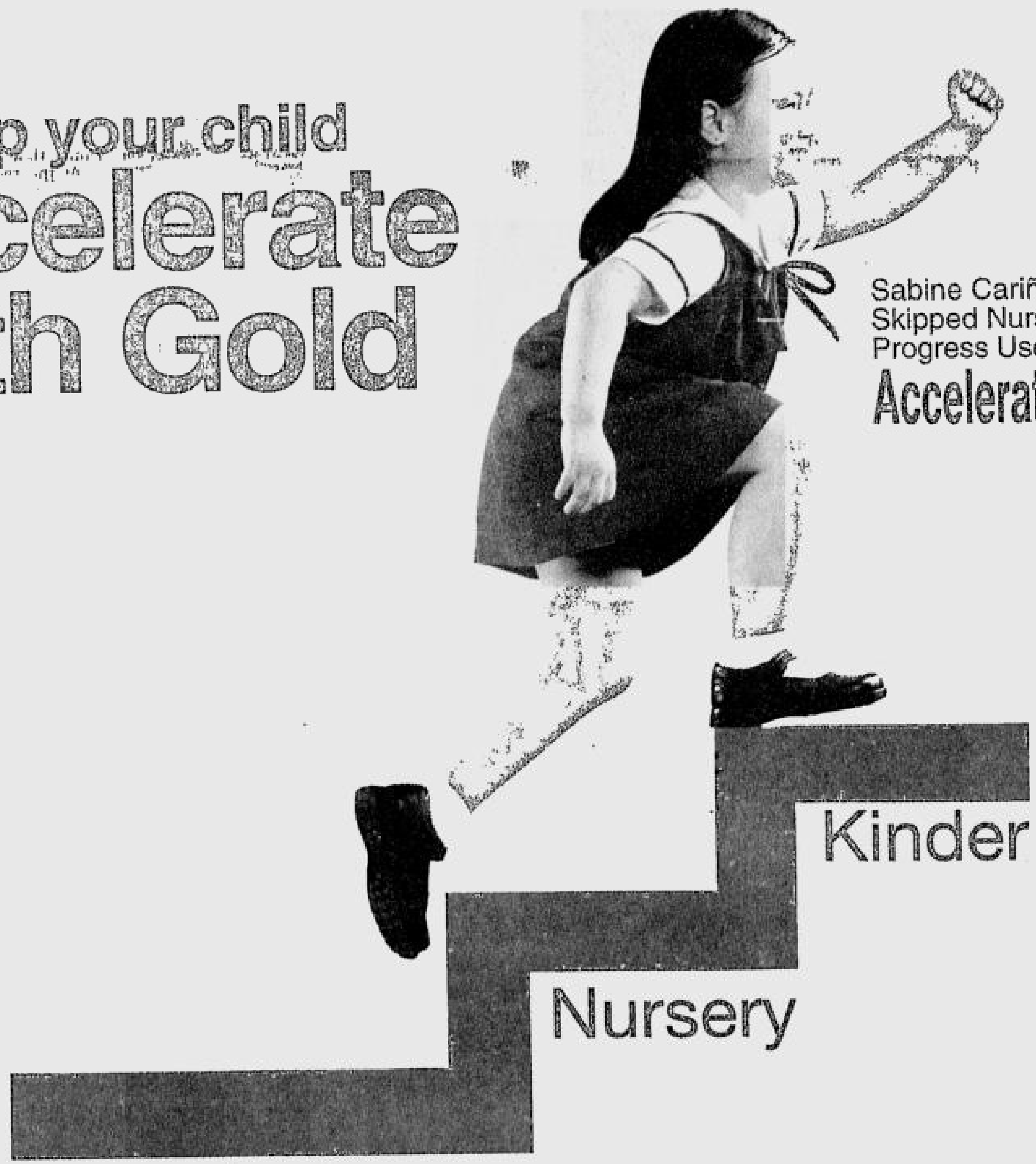

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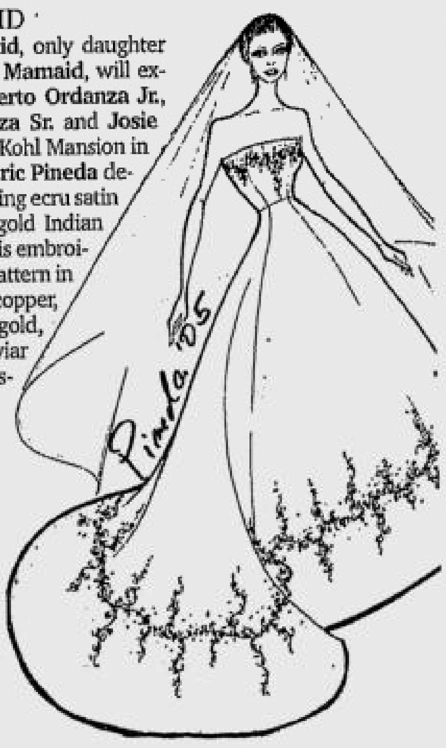
ORDANZA-MAMAID

Maria Thelma Mamaid, only daughter of **Edgardo** and **Thelma Mamaid**, will exchange vows with **Edilberto Ordanza Jr.**, son of **Edilberto Ordanza Sr.** and **Josie Francisco**, on Aug. 27 at Kohl Mansion in Burlingame, California. **Eric Pineda** designed the bridal gown using ecru satin mixed with champagne-gold Indian silk. The strapless bodice is embroidered in a vine and leaf pattern in shades of cinnamon, copper, burnt sienna and marigold, and embellished with caviar beads and colored crystals.



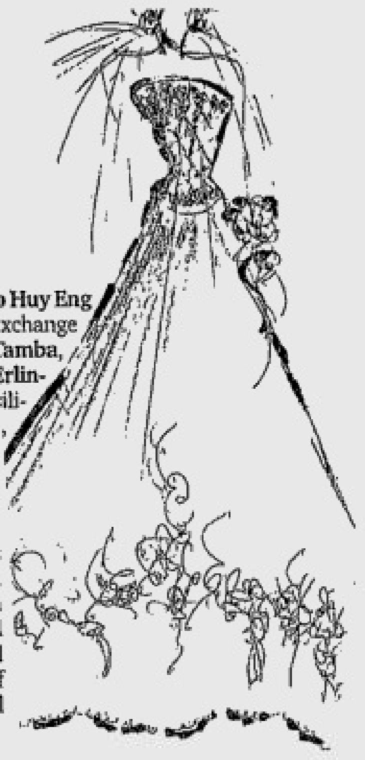
LOPEZ-TIZON

Diosdado "Dong" Lopez Jr., son of **Diosdado Sr.** and **Rustica DG. Lopez**, was married recently to **Maria Maria Amihan "Mihan" Tizon**, daughter of the late **Teofilo** and **Gloria Tizon** of Catbalogan, Samar, at the Christ the King Church, Greenmeadows, QC. **Edward Teng** designed and executed the gowns of the bridal entourage.

CHING-TAMBA

Manuel Go Ching Jr., son of **Go Huy Eng** and the late **Manuel Ching**, will exchange vows with **Erralin Mamuyac Tamba**, only daughter of **Ramon Sr.** and **Erlinda Tamba**, on Sept. 25 at the Basilica of San Sebastian Church, Quiapo, Manila. Reception will follow at the Century Seafood Restaurant in Century Park Hotel, Malate, Manila.

The bride will wear a duchess satin gown by **Benjie Osorio** with bustier top and full cathedral train. The blouse is embellished with beadwork, pearls and Swarovski crystals. The skirt of French lace is embroidered and beaded.



SALCEDO-TALAO

John R. Salcedo III, eldest son of **Alberto** and **Pacifica Salcedo**, and **Schiella Talao**, only daughter of **Lauren** and **Marilyn Talao**, were married recently at the St. Joseph the Worker Chapel 2, Clarkfield, Pampanga. Reception was at Holiday Inn, Pampanga.

SERILLO-TEODOSIO

Dr. **Lorenzo Serillo Jr.**, son of **Lorenzo Sr.** and **Georida Serillo**, married recently **Natividad Teodosio**, daughter of **Arturo** and **Nena Teodosio**, at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Kalibo, Aklan. Reception was at Sampaguita Garden. Event Management Specialist coordinated the event.

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handbags and even home furniture.

Helping her to reach this goal is husband **Tom Bugbee**. While she handles the creative aspect, he makes sure that the business side of things is not neglected. He has steered the business to where it is today; he has, in fact, left his own accounting practice to work full time. Tom has the same passion to make the business work.

How does Monique take in all the success? "The first three years was the hardest and I really did not know if we would make it. There were times at 3 a.m. and I would be at the trade shows and ironing the wedding dresses and I realized 'Oh boy, this is so unglamorous!' But when I see the brides put on my gowns and their faces light up, all the good stuff would outweigh all the negativity," says Monique in hindsight.

There are many lessons that can be learned from Monique's success. From being the darling daughter of one of Cebu's most recognized families, she has become the darling of the international fashion scene. She'd be the first one to tell you, however, that she is not an overnight sensation.

"I want to share that everything is possible! If you can dream and believe in yourself, you can do it. Don't give up. I know it sounds like a cliché but it's true. I wake up very passionate every day about what the day can bring. When you wake up and not feel passionate about life, then you are not doing the right thing."

The interview and photo shoot would not have been possible without the help of Globe Platinum and Nokia. For the full interview and pictorial, check out Philippine Tatler's August issue, on sale now.

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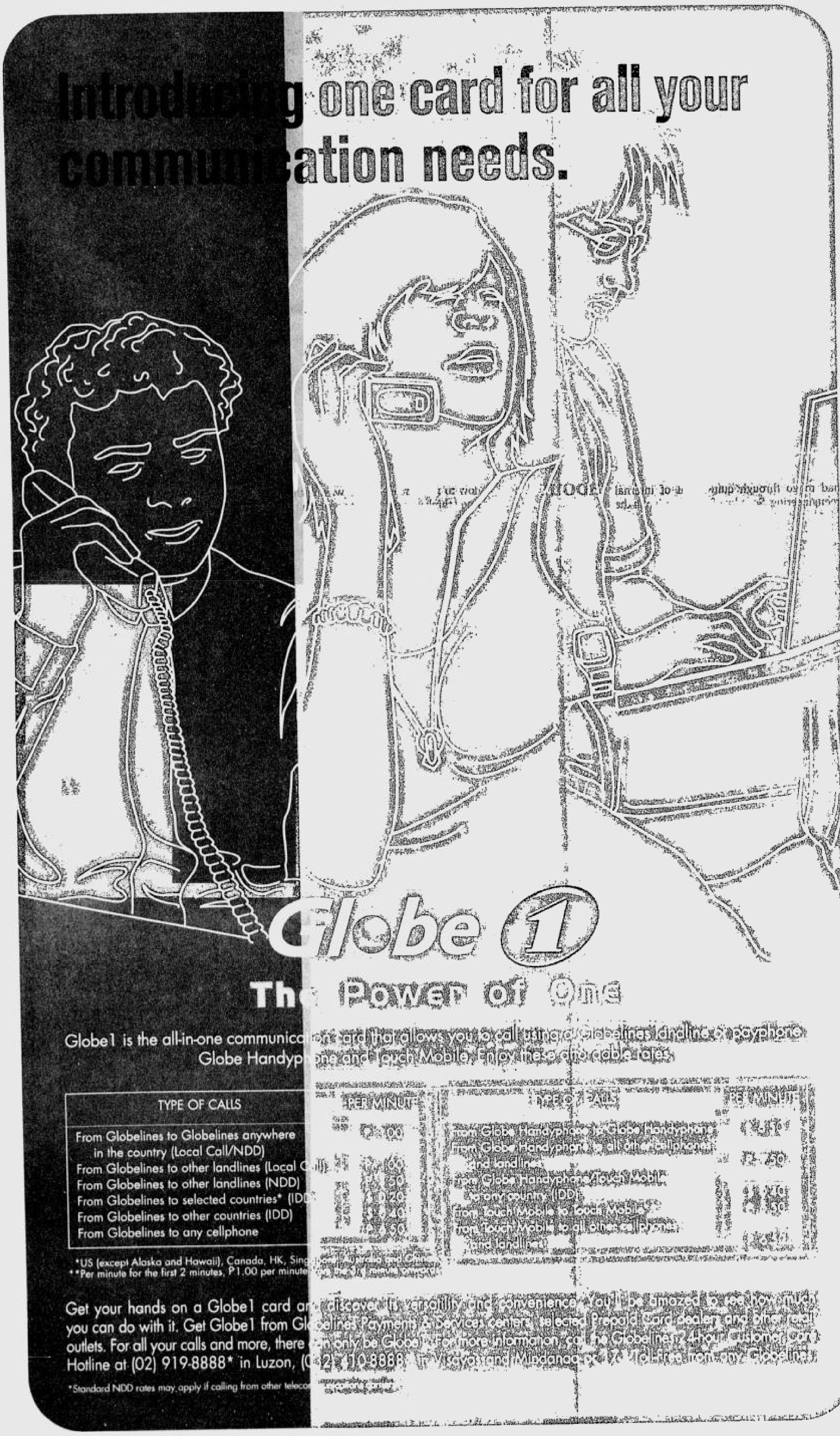
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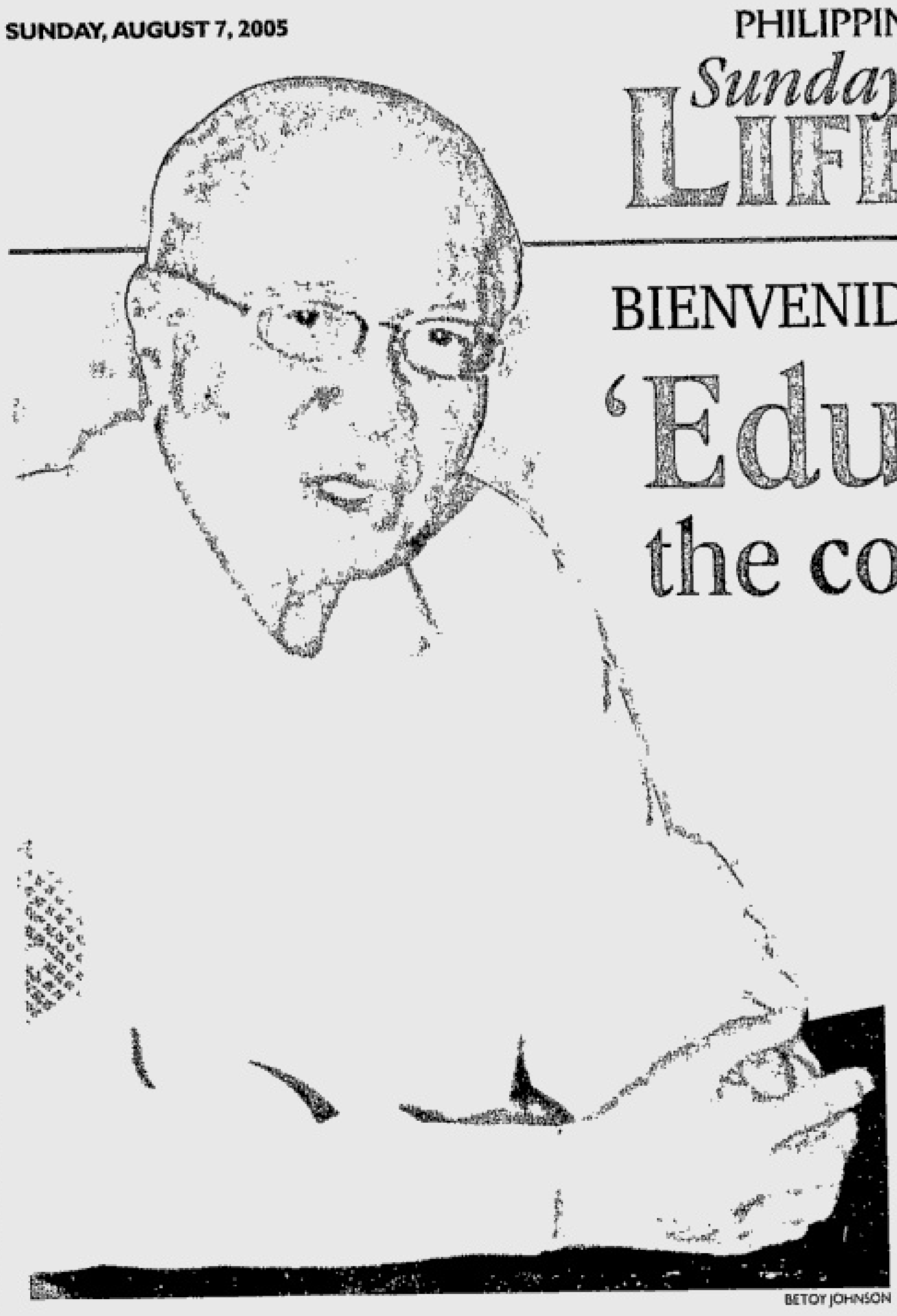

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BIENVENIDO NEBRES, S.J.

'Education is simply off the country's radar screen'

WITH ATENEO students, alumni, staff and community volunteers as they build homes for typhoon victims

IN THE 12 years Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, S.J., has been president of the Ateneo de Manila University, he has also been involved in improving Science and Math instruction nationwide, providing shelter to the homeless through Gawad Kalinga, fostering public-health consciousness through Leaders for Health Project, and improving the poor's access to higher education through Pathways to Higher Education.

To be sure, his extra-academic involvement is intimately connected with the hat he wears as an academic and educational manager. Nebres doesn't dichotomize what's in and out of the campus. He wants to nurture an environment suitable to education. If lack of shelter, health care and opportunities stop one from having a good education, then the problem must be addressed.

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By the Staff

The logic is sound, exact and mathematical. Nebres finished his MS and Ph.D in Mathematics at Stanford University in California in 1965-70 even before he was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1973.

Although Philippine education seems to have deteriorated since, Nebres remains optimistic the problems facing the system are solvable. His optimism does not come from any Leibnitzian certainty. It comes from the algorithm of faith. In the final analysis, Nebres the educator is a man of inexhaustible faith and hope.

What is it like to be president of a leading university like Ateneo?

Oh, it's very challenging because a lot of the concerns we have right now is preparing the next generation of leaders. And if you compare it to the situation of the 1970s, the difficulties of universities today is that they are bigger. Also, you are responsible to many more stakeholders today than in the past.

Part of the challenge is simply trying to understand the students of today and working with them, but that's the relatively easier part. The more difficult part is reconciling a very mixed and different constituency and trying to find the best way to achieve our goals together.

When you took over the Ateneo, what were your priorities and how have things changed since then?

When I came to Ateneo in 1993, what was fairly clear was that the outside world had changed and Ateneo was changing. We needed to do quite a lot of work in internal organization as well as facilities. We had grown to about 4,000 students from about 2,000.

But even more serious than that was the structure… Ateneo was still a unitary school, just one single school of arts and sciences. We realized that was not viable anymore, given the number of students and programs.

One single dean could no longer attend to management, [natural and physical] sciences, and the social sciences. It was clear we had to go through quite a bit of internal reengineering. So, a lot of my attention in the first few years was dedicated to shifting from a unitary school of arts and sciences to four schools.

And now?

Now the structures are in place, so the challenge now is how to develop certain centers of excellence in all the schools, to attend to student formation. We realize our students today are very different from the past, but they have their own great ideas, actually a very generous group. But how to harness the generosity today is a great challenge. And the other area is how to focus the programs on what we call major national needs.

When I first went there, I was just concerned about understanding the modern world, like technology (laughs). But now I think that's done. I'm much more concerned now about us understanding how to contribute to closing the gap between the rich and the poor, which is ultimately the single biggest challenge that this country faces.

How does one close the gap between the rich and poor?

A single group can't do that, but you have to make your contribution to it. You have to partner. For example, we're attending to three areas. One is how to improve the public-school system, because more than 90 percent of our students go to the public schools, and education is ultimately the big enabler. We're working a lot with public health. Basically, our graduate school of business works with the doctors in the barrios. And we work a lot with Gawad Kalinga.

What are the most pressing problems in the Ateneo now? Besides the UAAP? (Laughter)

Ah, yes. (Laughter) Well, we are concerned with the reading and writing skills of students. This is a generation that's very good visually. They can give you good PowerPoint presentations (laughter), but they have difficulty writing a straight essay.

> What do you enjoy most about teaching? I enjoy seeing minds grow. And what do you hate most? Correcting papers

It's really a reading and writing problem. What they have to do more is to read text, rather than just look at nice pictures. So we have dedicated a lot of effort, especially in the primary years, for the last four or five years now to make reading and writing the focus. And I think it's beginning to bear fruit.

We're also concerned about the question of leadership. We are running a project right now in our psychology department. There's a book called "Adversity Quotient." It's a book that says basically that it's not only IQ and EQ that counts. It's what you call this adversity quotient. It's your ability to rise above a failure, or a disaster. And this is something that concerns us.

Many of our students come from affluent families. They have been protected—overprotected even—from failures, from life. In the long run, that's disastrous. So we're doing a study right now. What are the normal stresses and adversities that they face? What are the good coping mechanisms, the not-so-good ones? Who are the people they turn to for help?

And we're hoping to feed the information back to teachers and parents to help the students to grow. Maybe those are a couple of things that preoccupy us at the moment, aside from basketball. (Laughter)

How about money problems? I guess Ateneo has no money problems. (Laughter)

We are quite concerned about the effect of the economic downturn. We do monitor that. We have noticed that there are more parents that are finding it hard to meet tuition payments.

And so we are focusing our fundraising on scholarships for students who are already there. Not so much for new scholars but to help students who are already with us but whose families are suffering from the economic downturn.

How about a study-now, pay-later program?

That was tried in the '70s, but there was a problem of collection. (Laughter) *So naubos 'yung pera*. (Laughter)

What's the secret of the Ateneo? How are you able to produce graduates who are so generous to the Ateneo?

[The generosity] is fairly recent, actually. And I think we owe a lot to Father Martinez, who started the Office of Development in the '80s. Philanthropy is not our culture in the Philippines, unlike in the United States.

I think the second reason is there are more alumni now who have actually studied in the United States and have seen that it's natural for the Americans to donate to their school. And I think the third is that you really do have to work at it (laughs).

Do you have a special team that does that?

A lot of it is, for example, just working with the high-school batches or college batches. We try to be supportive of them and keep in touch with them. And as they come together and begin to find out about the needs of the school, in particular the needs of the students, they begin to think of giving. A lot of them also have good memories of teachers (laughs).

What's the challenge for our educators right now?

I think our biggest educational problem is that so many of our students are not getting any kind of decent education. Even Marikina, which is a relatively better-off city, has triple sessions in some schools—6-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m. You can imagine how much time they have. They have 70 or more students in a classroom built for 40. You can imagine the problems that they face.

What can a private university like the Ateneo do about that?

We have several initiatives. We have the Ateneo Central Education Development. We do teacher training for the public schools. And we are also working directly with four elementary schools in Payatas. We are really trying to see in a more total way what we can do for them because we realize that teacher training by itself is not enough. A lot depends still on the physical facilities, the principals, etc.

We work a lot with Marikina. It's led by a group called Pathway to Higher Education. They basically work by identifying talented students in the high schools.

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Is this the summer program?

It started as a summer program but now it’s an all-year program. They basically have tutorials from first year to fourth year. The program helps students to get into good colleges. It tries to get scholarships for them. But, as a consequence of that, we are also being asked now to help the whole high schools where they are. We try to provide facilities and teacher training for their high school. It’s becoming a more total involvement.

But maybe the biggest thing we’re doing in public schools is with the network for Synergia and using what you call the local school board. Very few Filipinos know that there is a thing called the local school board.

At the provincial level it is co-chaired by the governor and the division superintendent of the DepEd. At the city level, it’s by the mayor and the division superintendent. At the municipal level, it’s by the mayor and the district supervisor.

We work a lot with Mayor Fernando in Marikina, with Mayor Robredo in Naga, several mayors in Iloilo, Gov. Josie de la Cruz in Bulacan. Once the mayors begin to pay attention, a lot changes.

Mayor Gamboa of Capiz was the most innovative. He actually got a local school board for each of his *barangays*, for each of the elementary schools. So we asked him, "how did you manage to do that? Well, he said, you first gather the Sangguniang Kabataan, the SK, and he told them the state of their elementary schools. He told them about all the problems. And when he got them visibly upset, he said, “Okay, what can you do?"

Eventually, he asked them, “Why don't you give half your allocation for the schools?" They said yes. Then he gathered together the parents and the *barangay* captains, and gave the same story about the state of their public schools. And then he told them, "Well, your young people have agreed to contribute half their allocation. How about you?" So they had to cough up! (Laughter) So the community began to put money together to buy books, chairs, etc.

Do you actually visit your community projects?

Ah, yes. Last June 12, we actually turned over 32 houses in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija. We expect to build about 200 houses. Last time, we had a thanksgiving Mass for a group called Team Gabaldon. These were about 20 students who spent the whole summer there. Together with Gawad Kalinga, we have quite an ambitious goal to actually build 4,000 houses in two years.

Every school opening, the system is saddled with lack of teachers, lack of classrooms, etc., but the system is not tackling the more important problems of content and quality education…

But, you see, there are basic needs. If you have 80 students in a classroom built for 40 and no textbooks, whatever you do about the content, it's not going to work… You really should visit some of these schools and you'll see the problems. Until you mitigate that, whatever you do about the content will be quite limited.

You know, sometimes when I present these things in Congress their solution is to give computers to the schools. (Laughter) That's very nice, but the point is, they don't even have books! They haven't learned how to read. And these are not isolated. These are fairly usual cases.

So the problem boils down to funding? The government’s priorities?

I would say, yes, but I think the reason that the public schools have been allowed to deteriorate this far is because there are blockages. The decision-makers, even if their concern is the public schools, don't send their children to the public schools, so they don't know what’s going on.

I think the funding will come when people really know the situation and are bothered by it. So, it’s lack of attention, I think. Education is simply off the radar screen in the country. So I would say the most important thing is really for people to feel and understand what is going on.

So senators, instead of going abroad for educational visits in aid of legislation, should visit the public schools.

Yes. And it should not be announced, because if they announce it, the school will be dressed up and you won't see the real situation. (Laughter)

What some American companies have done is require their employees to spend at least one day a year in a public school. The ones who get bothered about the state of American education have to do a report.

I think that’s the most important thing right now. As [the problem] becomes more visible, people become bothered by it. Then we can mobilize resources.

Would school boards necessitate parents forking out money to support their schools?

It depends. The immediate money that the school boards have is the SAF, which is from the real-estate tax. A certain percentage is really supposed to go to the schools. But whether you put that into uniforms or a “*palaro*” or into textbooks is really the work of the school board.

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What we have found in studies as early as the 1990s is that, among schools with more or less the same circumstances and the same budget, success has depended on (1) the leadership of the principal and (2) the support of the parents and the community.

So in the schools we assist, such as the Payatas school, we worked quite hard to help the principal on leadership and to mobilize the parents to be supportive. As simple as, in some schools, getting the parents to come together to build toilets. Actually, not every problem is about lack of money. If people would just come and cooperate, they would actually be able to do more.

There are complaints about public school teachers being more interested in supplementing their income and that they're not really into teaching anymore. Do you find this true?

That’s not true in the schools we have worked with. In Payatas, we have been working with about 150 homes. It’s a little better now. But when we first went there, they had just about four classrooms for 900 students. So they were literally sitting under the mango tree. It wasn't very good in absolute terms, but they were actually ranking ninth in Quezon City in the exams.

We investigated the reason for that. We found out that the parents and the students were very highly motivated because of the teachers. The principal had been able to inspire the teachers so that the teachers would visit the homes if the students were absent. And they really paid attention to the malnourished students. So, simply because of the care and concern for the students, the motivation went up.

We're quite amazed at the generosity of the teachers. I guess there are also problematic ones, but I think the complaints are a bit exaggerated.

What are the trends in education today?

Internationalizing. We are finding more and more that we need to find a way to have a big percentage of our students have some international experience because we realize more and more that even if they work in the Philippines, they have to deal with multicultural, multinational groups. It becomes more and more important to understand other cultures. It’s mainly our School of Management that has pioneered in creating a term abroad. For example, Chris Tiu is not playing this year because he opted instead to take a term in France. He’s in junior year now.

Ouch…

He can play again next year. (Laughter)

‘I pray for each [UAAP] game. One game at a time, one game at a time’

Which schools abroad are accepting Ateneo students?

We basically have several. But the problem is we have to negotiate with the schools so that they would waive tuition. Otherwise, it becomes too expensive.

Mike Arroyo is an Ateneo graduate, right? So is Mikey. Where did Ateneo go wrong? (Laughter) And what can you do about it now? (Laughter) Get back their diplomas? (Laughter) Take them to one corner and say, hey…

What are you doing to the Philippines?

Yeah! Where is the “man for others” thing? (Laughter)

Oh, it's not even that. It's not even about generosity. It’s about just being straight.

Isn't there a project on leadership with President Cory Aquino?

Yes. Our theories of leadership used to consist of developing a student's talent in different areas. But you, begin to realize there are other things in leadership—internal stamina, ability to handle failure, ability to handle difficulties. In our program called LEAD, we take about 30-40 freshmen or sophomores and work with them in a two-year program. Many of them are now the leaders in their schools.

Do you think that will solve the leadership problems that we have?

Part of the problem is that the internal sphere of people who are significant to us— and who we feel we are responsible for—is very narrow. It's just immediate family, and we'll do anything for them. What I find very often in Filipino culture is that when your internal moral values are challenged because somebody close to you or important to you wants something otherwise, it is very difficult to say no.

Are other Asians also like that?

The Chinese have big clans and connections of clans—not as narrow as ours—so they have more influences on their decisions.

You're a mathematician. What are your suggestions to stem the slide in arithmetic and science education?

I had actually worked with DepEd when Sen. [Raul] Roco was secretary of education. He asked me and our high-school principal to help him. One problem is that there aren't enough math textbooks. Another is that many of the teachers are not prepared so they need very detailed teacher guides. That was

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CELEBRATING the championship of the Ateneo Blue Eagles in the 65th UAAP Men's Basketball Divison with (from left) Ito Ramirez, Cecilio Pedro, coach Joel Banal, Manuel Pangilinan and Fr. Carmelo A. Caluag II, S.J.

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around 2001, I think. We were actually able to work with him on the textbooks.

There are supposed to be enough textbooks for math now in the high school. But equally important is that we were able to work with some teachers from Ateneo and Xavier School and the math school teachers of DepEd, to write very detailed teacher guides. Then we went through a training program. We actually had about 1,500 teachers in Teachers Camp. We went page by page through the teacher guide and they had to feed that back to the field. The feedback we're getting now is that they're really quite helpful.

But are the textbooks correct?

We're still trying to figure out in detail what really is going on there. The math books in high school we can vouch for because we went through them in great detail (laughs).

What about the other books?

I don't know... The problem with the grade school was, because of the funding gaps in the government, what we're finding is that when a program would come, like a World Bank program, one set of books would come in. Then another program, another set of books.

In fact, in the time of Secretary [Edilberto] De Jesus, one of the problems we faced was that while it was true that every student in the class had a book, they had three different books. I think what really is needed is a more professional process for determining the textbooks. I think the system is not sufficiently professional.

What is the particular advantage of an institution like Ateneo that educates students from kindergarten, elementary and high school to college?

Most Jesuit schools started educating students roughly around the age 11-18. That had been our tradition. We did not run elementary schools for a very long time, and neither did we run colleges. In countries like the US, [the different schools] have been separated. All of them have grade school and high school, but they're not on the same campus.

For some reason, in the Philippines, that's been the evolution of schools. They've stayed together. We keep discussing whether we should begin to separate our grade school and high school. Unfortunately, the way our campus is designed is not very good for that. We have the college in the middle and the grade school on one end and the high school on the other end. The logistics for separating them is complicated. But I think we do have to give them more autonomy.

Have you actually done classroom teaching?

Yes, I taught math in high school in the middle '60s for two years. I taught four sections in freshman year and four sections in sophomore year. And then in the '70s I taught a lot in college.

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I enjoy seeing minds grow. For example, I still teach in the summer, mainly a problem-solving course. We just do difficult problems, problems that take you several days to solve. And it's always great when you have students, especially those who don't have so much confidence, who suddenly find out that they can actually crack a problem.

And what do you hate most?

It's hard correcting papers (laughter), especially if you can't figure out what [the students] are thinking... when you're struggling to find if there's some thought at all somewhere in there. (Laughter)

Did you ever think that may be so because you have failed as a teacher?

Well, you do realize sometimes uh-oh, I think I did not communicate so well. Then it's not so bad because you can go back [to that lesson] next class.

How do you pray, Father?

Ah, the normal way. When I get up in the morning I usually spend from 45 minutes to an hour doing the readings for the day and praying over them. Then I usually look forward to my day, and when there are really big concerns, I pray over them.

What are some of the things you pray for?

I pray for people I'm going to meet during the day. I pray for the leaders, that hopefully they'd make good choices because they affect all our lives (laughs). Cardinal Sin, I'm just grateful for him. I thank God for the good people who come my way. I pray for each [UAAP] game. (Laughter) One game at a time, one game at a time. (Laughter)

And how do you end your day, Father?

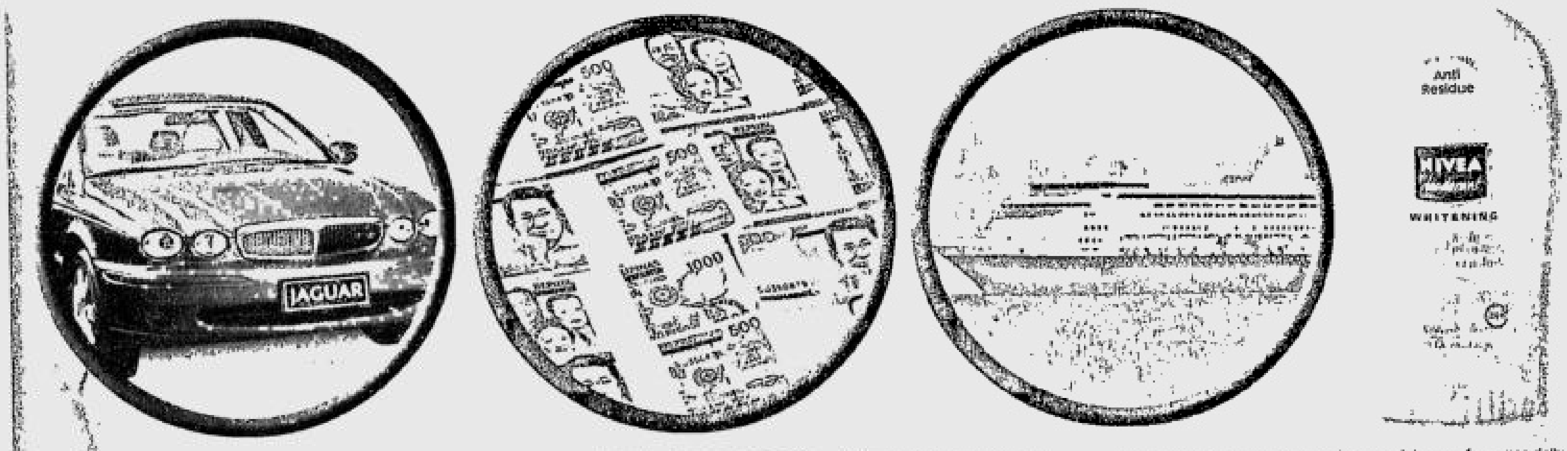
Usually I spend the last 30 minutes just quieting down. I usually jog in the evening. Before the basketball season, the team usually practices 6-8 p.m., so I usually go there and jog for about 40 minutes and watch them.

Do you give them pep talks?

Not really. The only time I talk to the team is when they're really down. (Laughter)

When was the last time?

Well, last year. (Laughter) You sit with them and reassure them and tell them that, you know, what does not kill you will make you stronger. I just reassure them. I don't lecture them. Sometimes I play with them.



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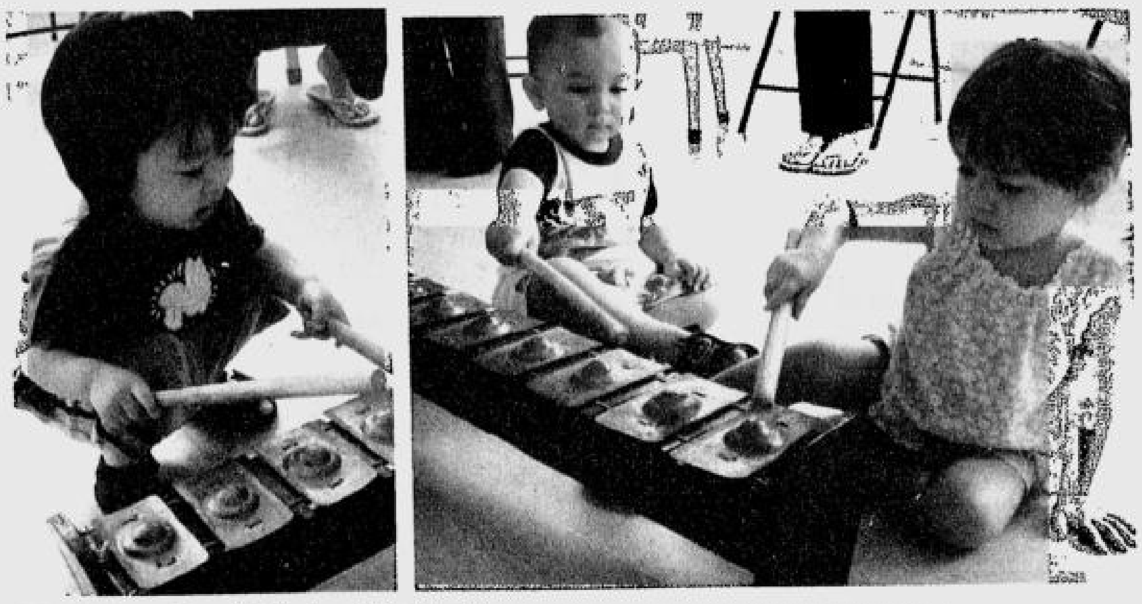
Guest artist Paolo Pardo majors in Asian Music at the University of the Philippines and is very serious about ethnomusicology. He is also a member of the world-renowned Philippine Madrigal Singers as a Bass 2 singer.

Seated at the center of a group of very young children and their parents, Paolo played a very solemn musical piece with the *tongali*. He had the audience imagine they were on a mountain at dusk listening to the *tongali* played on mountain top just as the Kalinga people in the mountainous regions of the country play this instrument to communicate with their friends in neighboring mountains. Paolo used his nose to blow on the holes of the *tongali* instrument which requires great skill in controlling the air just to play the instrument.

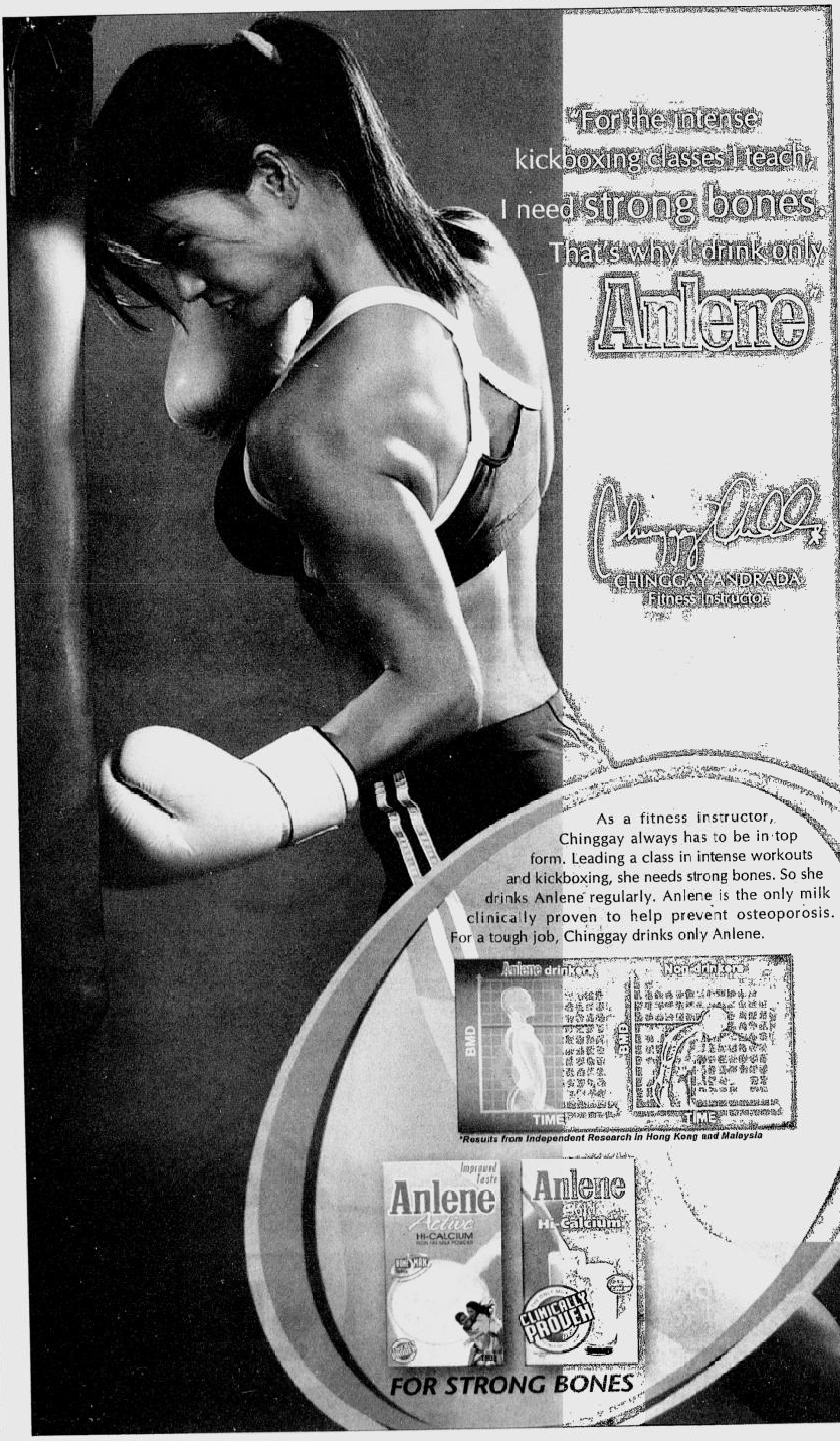
The other instrument he played was the *saronay*, a set of eight, small, bossed gongs arranged from the lowest pitch gong to the highest. Some of these gongs do not have equivalent tones used in western music.

Paolo encouraged the children to move as he played the *saronay* and let his music guide them. Later, each of the children had their turn in tapping the gongs of the the *saronay*.

The aim of the musical presentation was to expose the children and their parents to the unique sounds of the instruments of indigenous Philippine music and hopefully develop in them a sense of appreciation for different types of music.



THE children at Summit School get their turn at an indigenous musical instrument called *saronay*



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EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

My boyfriend and I met in 2002. At 9:30 p.m. on the 21st day of the month, we always greet each other a very happy "monthsary" and then we exchange thoughts and memories of the past month.

But things have changed the last few months. Instead of happy thoughts, there are now lots of tears.

I do everything for him even though my dad thinks it's insane. I baby-sit his niece. His mom treats me like a housemaid and I am a personal therapist to his aunts. Whenever he wants something, I give it to him.

He is not my first boyfriend. I used to go out with a lot of male friends but they were not like him. He doesn't even have the qualities I'm looking for in a guy. He's not romantic or gentlemanly. He's not talented or smart but he's cute and adorable. He likes playing board games but he never wins.

Ok, maybe I'm just being paranoid or self-centered. And probably sensitive, too. Am I to blame for this?

What's the best thing he has done for me? Yeah, take my virginity!

I'm just 19 years old. I'm young and talented. Do I really have to waste my time on this man? But I can't live without him anymore. He took the best thing in my life. All I'm asking for is attention. I love him! That's why I'm doing all this.

JENNAH

Do you really think the best thing he did to you was take away your virginity? Aren't you lucky it is not as easy to take out your kidney? But you will probably say that is the next best thing he did to you, if he got your kidney, too!

You're only 19 and already you are stuck with a guy who is, from your own description, "useless"! He can't even be much of a challenge in a board game because he is a consistent loser.

He may be cute but will that pay your grocery bills?

I know how blind love is. But aren't you just sticking with him in the hope of "recovering" your virginity? You know you can't—and you won't! And, since you more or less have accepted that, you are now crying out for his attention.

You are angry because you want him to know he stole a big chunk of your self-respect. And you want him to give back what he "stole" by being more attentive. No way!

Unless he had a gun to your head to get you to bed—he don't owe you nuttin', as Americans would say. He got what he wanted and, as far as his pea-brain is concerned, he's finished with you. Obvious *ba*?

Cut your losses. Drop him and run away—fast! If you are as talented and attractive as you say, what's your problem? Make a total break—now! Finish your studies so you can meet better and brighter men. He is a waste of time and an awful misuse of energy!

Ah, to be young and foolish! Uuuugghhh!

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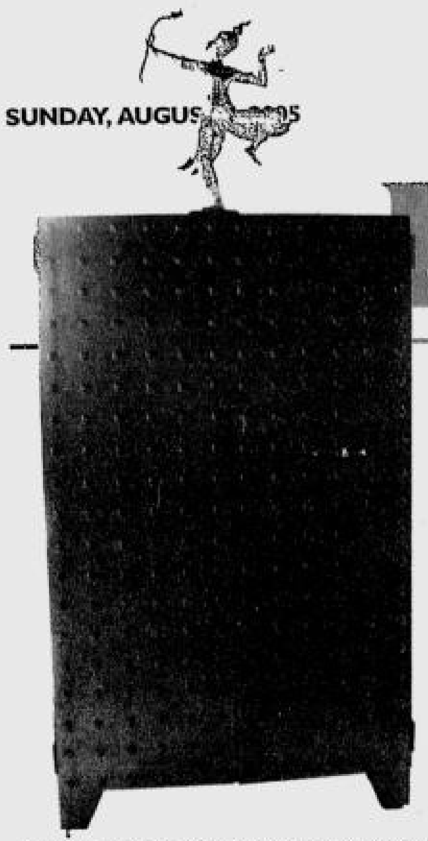

A STUDDED wooden cabinet in the family room is a remnant of the pair's stint in the furniture business.

Precious flights of fancy and function

The 3-story residence of a publishing pair combines antique and contemporary motifs

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by August de la Cruz

LIVING in a townhouse offers certain advantages, but partners Richard Reynante and Jun Matias can't imagine themselves going back to one after experiencing life in a big house.

The pair of book publishers (apart from publishing romance novels and children's titles under Precious Pages, they also run a chain of bookstores that go by the same name) moved to a much bigger home in an exclusive village in Quezon City five years ago.

"Not only did we find townhouse living "too" cramped," says Reynante, vice president of Precious Pages and creative manager of production at ABS-CBN, "it offered very little privacy. We simply wanted more space to walk around [in]."

As soon as they got the chance, the two lost no time in building their dream home. Reynante, who also dabbles in furniture designing (they used to own Legends Furniture), provided most of the creative inputs.

"I immensely enjoyed the furniture business," he says. "It was too time-consuming, however, that I had to give it up in favor of our publishing company. Legends is still around under new management."

The pair didn't intentionally set out to do high-end sofas, armoires and etageres in the first place. Since Reynante wasn't satisfied with what was available in the market then, he began designing his own pieces. A small team of craftsmen did the manufacturing for him.

"Our friends started noticing items in our house," he says. "They also wanted the same pieces for themselves so we accommodated them. One request led to another and before long we found ourselves operating a full-scale furniture business."

Form and function

Matias, president of Precious Pages and considered the more practical of the two, sometimes tempers his partner's flights of

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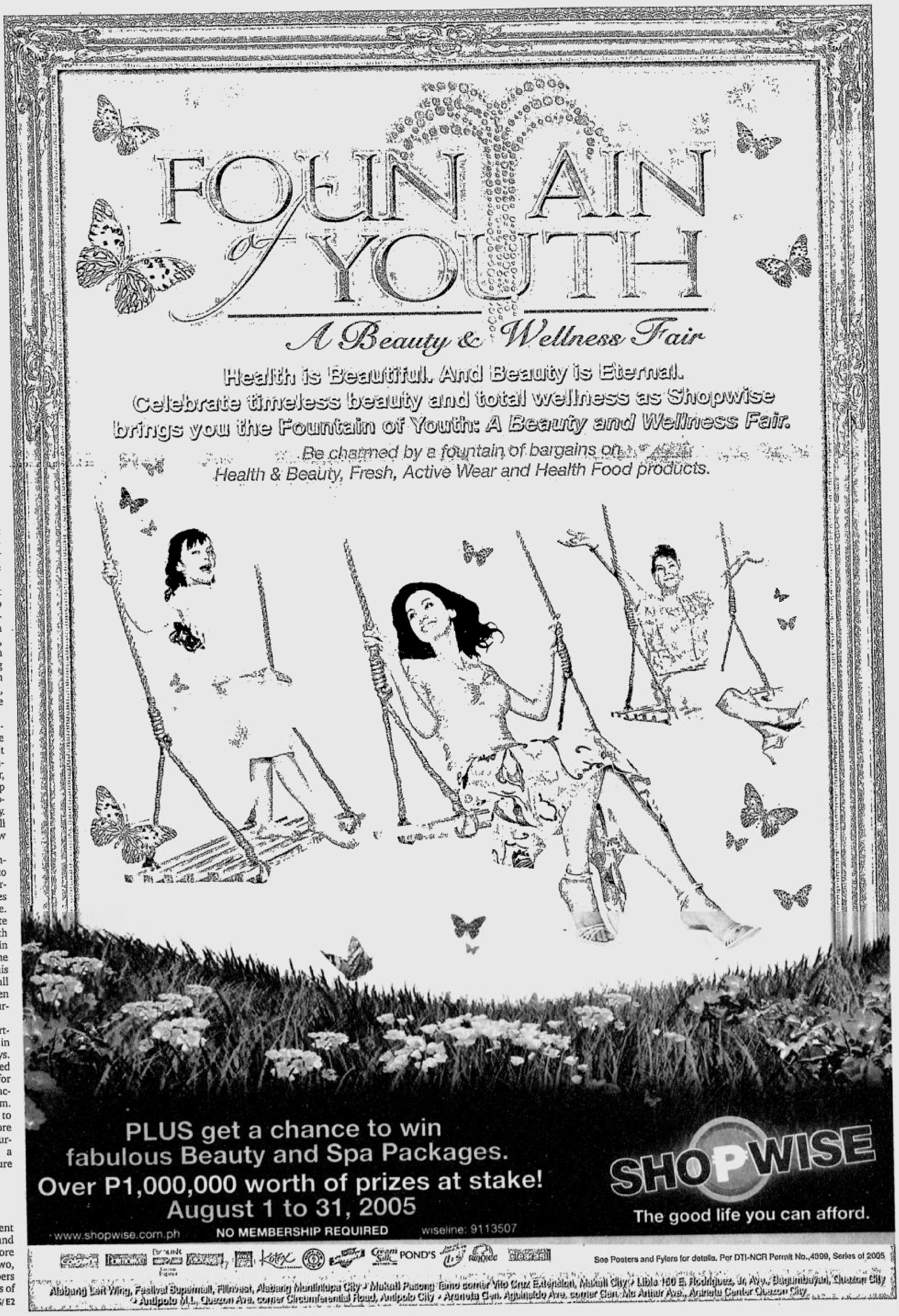

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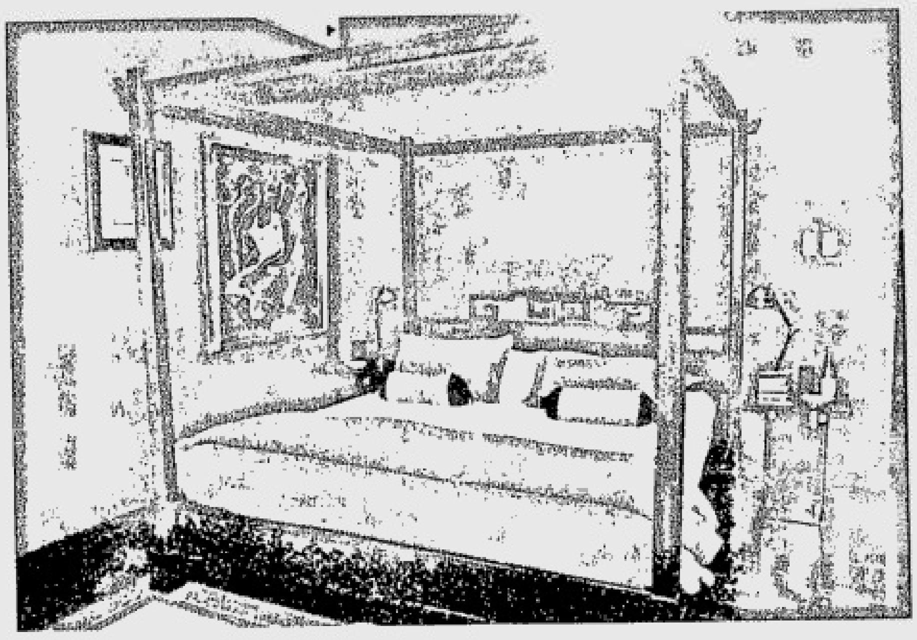
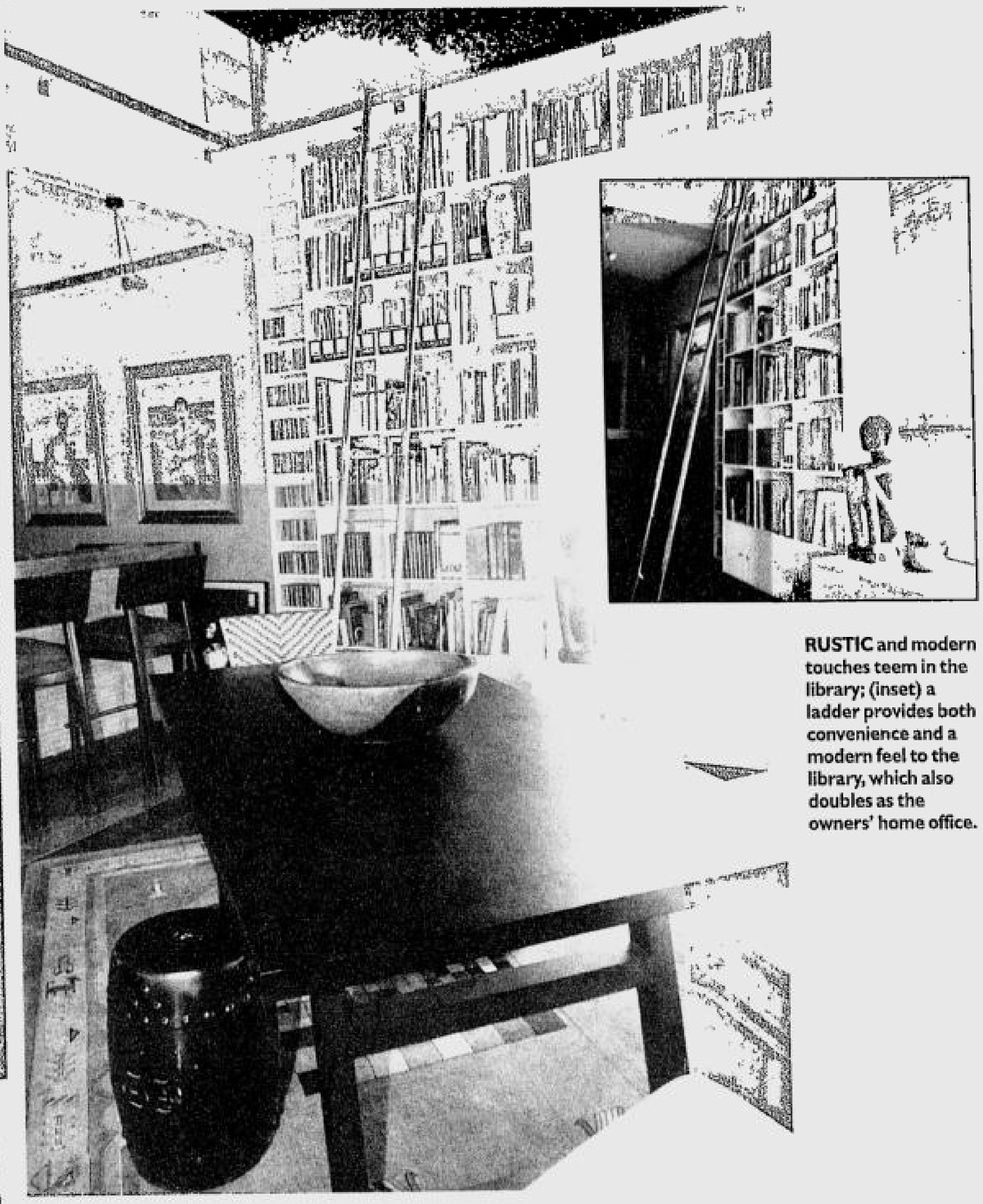


A PAINTING mistaken for a Gauguin by Americans is actually a Unidad.



RUSTIC and modern touches teem in the library; (inset) a ladder provides both convenience and a modern feel to the library, which also doubles as the owners' home office.

Precious flights of fancy and function

From page E1

fancy. If form is Reynante's department, function is Matias' turf.

In lieu of another sofa, which Reynante initially favored, for instance, Matias insisted that a daybed be placed in a sitting area that opens into the garden. Such a move does make sense. With a daybed, they and their guests can watch the day go either seated or lying down.

Their Filipino-inspired dwelling has subtle touches of Orientalia, and comes with a modest-sized garden that features, among others, a *koi* pond and several stone statues. The property may be small by Ayala-Alabang standards, but its owners have been able to literally rise above such a limitation by building a three-story structure.

What it lacks in space, the high-ceilinged living room with huge windows makes up for height. Reynante's penchant for prints and texture is evident for all to see on the first floor.

The eclectic mix of contemporary and antique furniture pieces are either carved or padded and covered in printed upholstery. Dark, matte walls contrast as well as echo the warmth exuded by shiny Vigan tiles.

Their sensibilities may be a tad different when it comes to home furnishing, but both Reynante and Matias share a love for artworks. Apart from their portraits done by Gabuco, the two are proud owners of paintings by Amorsolo, Blanco, Austria, Malang, Kiukok, Unidad and Antonio. They also have an Olmedo, Mahilum and several Borlongans.

'Dirt-poor'

The stairwell leading to the third-floor doubles as a gallery for most of these paintings. Thanks to Reynante's US-based brother-in-law, a Unidad by the bedroom wall was mistaken by a group of clueless Americans for a Gaugin.

The brother-in-law took pictures of the pair's house while vacationing in the Philippines some years back. When he showed his snapshots to his friends in the US, they couldn't believe their eyes. No Filipino could be this "rich," they said.

"They thought all of us are dirt-poor," says Reynante, with a hearty laugh. "That's why they were shocked to find out we have a 'Gaugin.' My naughty brother-in-law, who happily played along, didn't bother to correct them."

Over the years, the partners have made a number of home improvements, the most recent of which involves turning a rustic, open-air deck into an enclosed and air-conditioned area housing the library and an adjoining family room.

Good thing Reynante scrapped his idea of installing a mini theater on the third floor, as the family room has become a favorite venue for both their families whenever they visit during long weekends.

"After some thought, Jun and I agreed that we don't need a mini theater," says Reynante. "Our bedroom TV is enough. What we really needed was a place big enough to unwind with friends and loved ones."

In contrast to the first and second floors, the third floor doesn't have much color and texture. The family room, for one, is a white, boxy affair made primarily of "homogenized" granite.

Apart from the streamlined furniture pieces, texture is confined to the ceiling fashioned from recycled wood. Asian touches are still very much evident in the form of Chinese and Vietnamese figurines.

The library, with its series of niches to store the pair's numerous books and magazines, is equally streamlined and eclectic. A stainless-steel ladder for those hard-to-reach books provides the room with a contemporary feel.

Like most parts of the house, the third floor comes with huge windows with Venetian blinds. That (and more) is definitely one luxury the couple didn't enjoy during their salad days in a townhouse.

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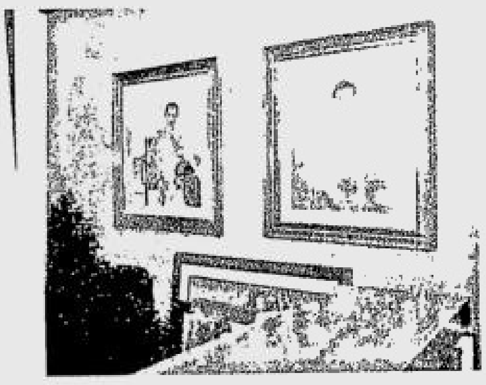
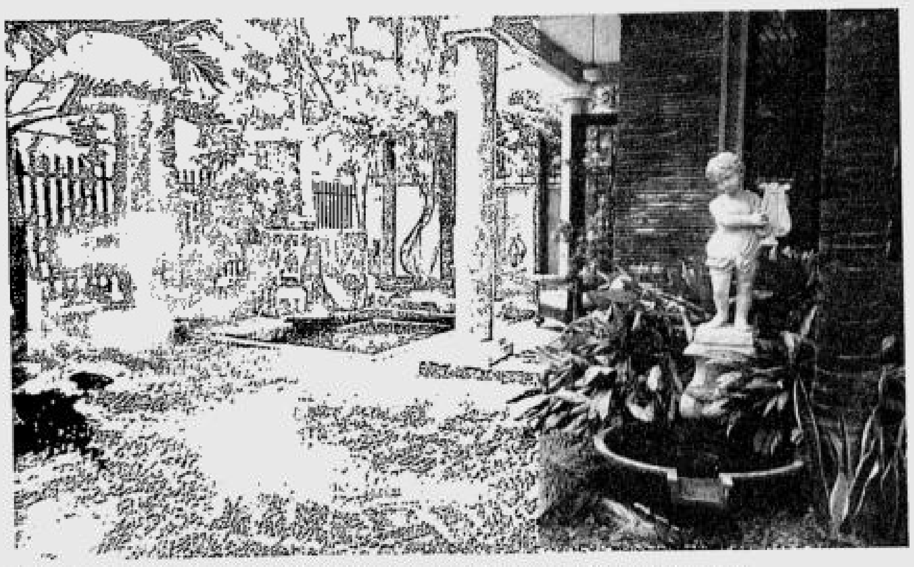
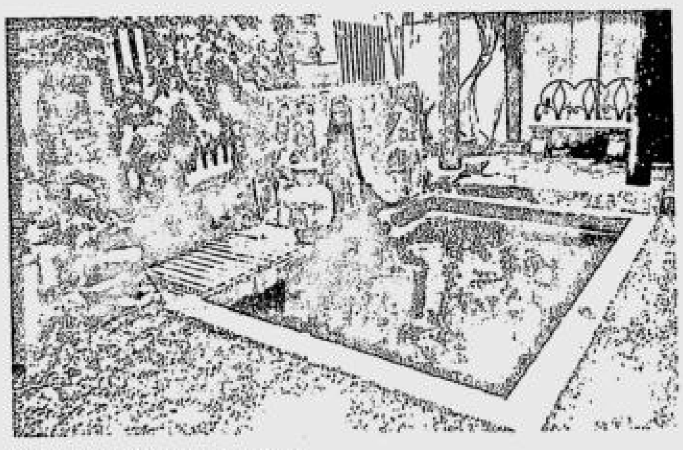
A STAIRWELL leading to the third floor doubles as an art gallery for the couple's many artworks.



A PAIR of portraits by Gabuco



EAST meets West in the garden, which features a *koi* pond and stone statues.



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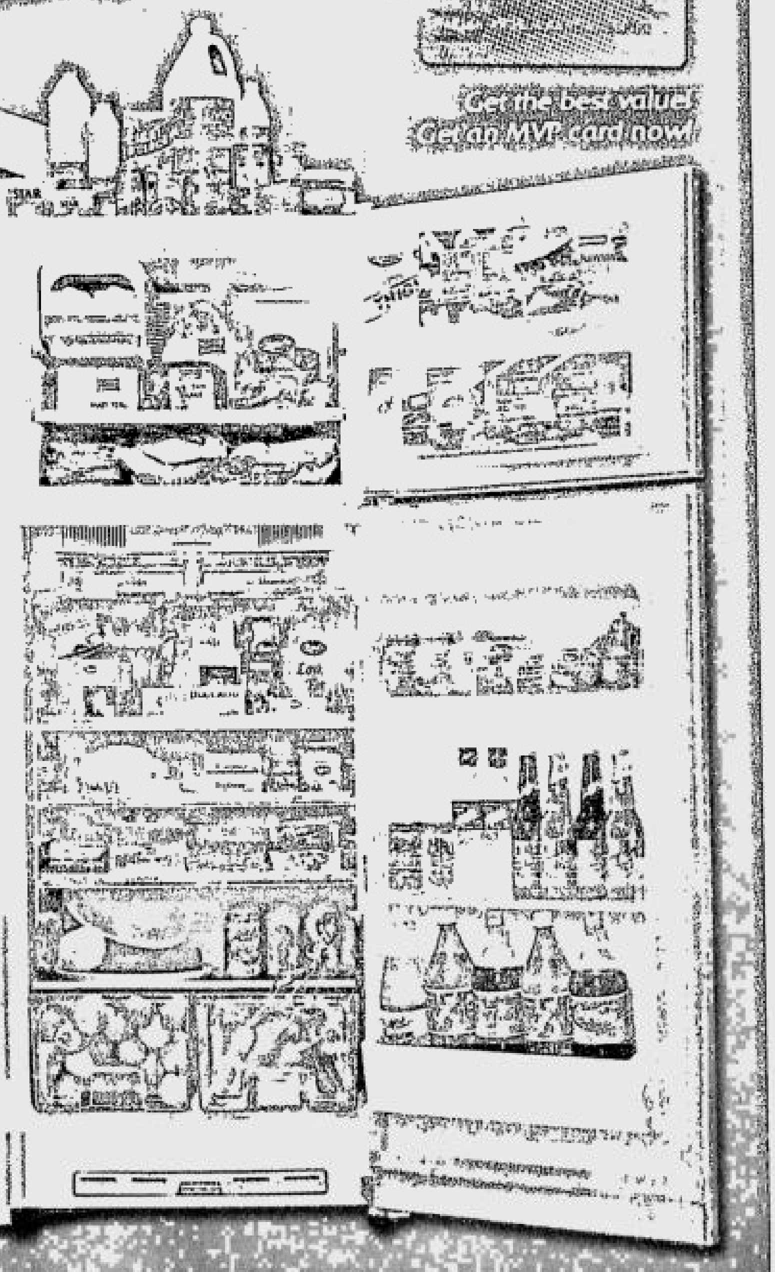

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Doris Gaskell Nuyda

IN EARLY July, leaders of eight of the world's most developed countries, known as the Group of Eight (G8), met in Gleneagle, Scotland, to discuss global warming, climate change and other issues of international importance. G8 is composed of the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States.

The phrases "global warming" and "climate change" are often used together, sometimes interchangeably. They refer to scientific findings that suggest that human activities are causing global temperatures to rise and changes in weather patterns that can have drastic effects on every living thing on Earth.

One imagines how overused the phrases were at the G8 Summit. Scientists, after all, have been sending out alarums about them these past several years. The fact that they are still meeting on those issues means not every G8 nation is listening.

What should people in the tropics know about global warming and climate change? First of all, that they could be the reason for the sudden shifts in the weather—hot today, raining or cold tomorrow, with frequent floods, storms and landslides.

Catastrophes, extremes

Global warming and climate change seem significant only when we feel or experience catastrophes or even extremes in weather. It is said people in the tropics have a higher tolerance for heat than those in cold climates. On the other hand, those living in the northern hemisphere are better able to cope with the cold.

Despite their close connection, global warming and climate change are two different phenomena, though it may be said that one is causing the other. One definition of global warming explains its origins: "Global warming occurs because trace gases (like carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, chlorofluorocarbon or CFC and tropospheric ozone) retain infrared radiation (or heat) which normally would dissipate into space from the Earth, in the atmosphere."

(In other words, certain gases trap the heat in Earth's atmosphere instead of letting it escape into space.)

As a result, "some of the heat in the atmosphere is transferred to the oceans and raises their temperature as well." As both atmosphere and oceans become warmer, the overall temperature of the Earth rises, too. The way carbon dioxide and other gases trap the sun's radiation is much like what glass does in a greenhouse, hence, the term "greenhouse effect."

Disruption

The increasing rise of global temperatures have grave implications which are not easily understood by most of us. "When an imbalance (in global temperature) occurs," explains environmental lawyer Antonio Oposa Jr. in his book, "The Laws of Nature & Other Stories," "the climatic system is disrupted. In certain areas, there can be massive floods; in other areas, intense drought."

Oposa cites the storms and typhoons (hurricanes, in the Western hemisphere) that normally occur seasonally but which now descend on Earth with more intensity and frequency. Scientists are also now alarmed at the rate ice in glaciers atop mountains in temperate zones are melting presumably because of global warming. Melting glaciers, in turn, cause what is known as "sea level rise."

Global warming and its consequence, climate change, result from the accumulation of the so-called greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, in the atmosphere. Thus, scientists suggest a shift from fossil fuel to alternative energy sources and, barring that, the reforestation of denuded areas to let the trees clear the air as only they can. Some adaptive measures are also suggested, like getting people in coastal areas to move to safer places inland.

Problems

But all these suggestions can have corresponding problems: Nowhere is the problem more evident than in the G8 Summit itself where those countries that rejected the Kyoto Protocol of 1997 (which called for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions), still maintain their position.

The reason for their rejection of the protocol is basically economics. A switch to alternative fuels, they explain, would mean dismantling existing facilities and would entail considerable expense.

But this should not stop other countries from coming up with solutions of their own—if they, we, are to survive on this planet.

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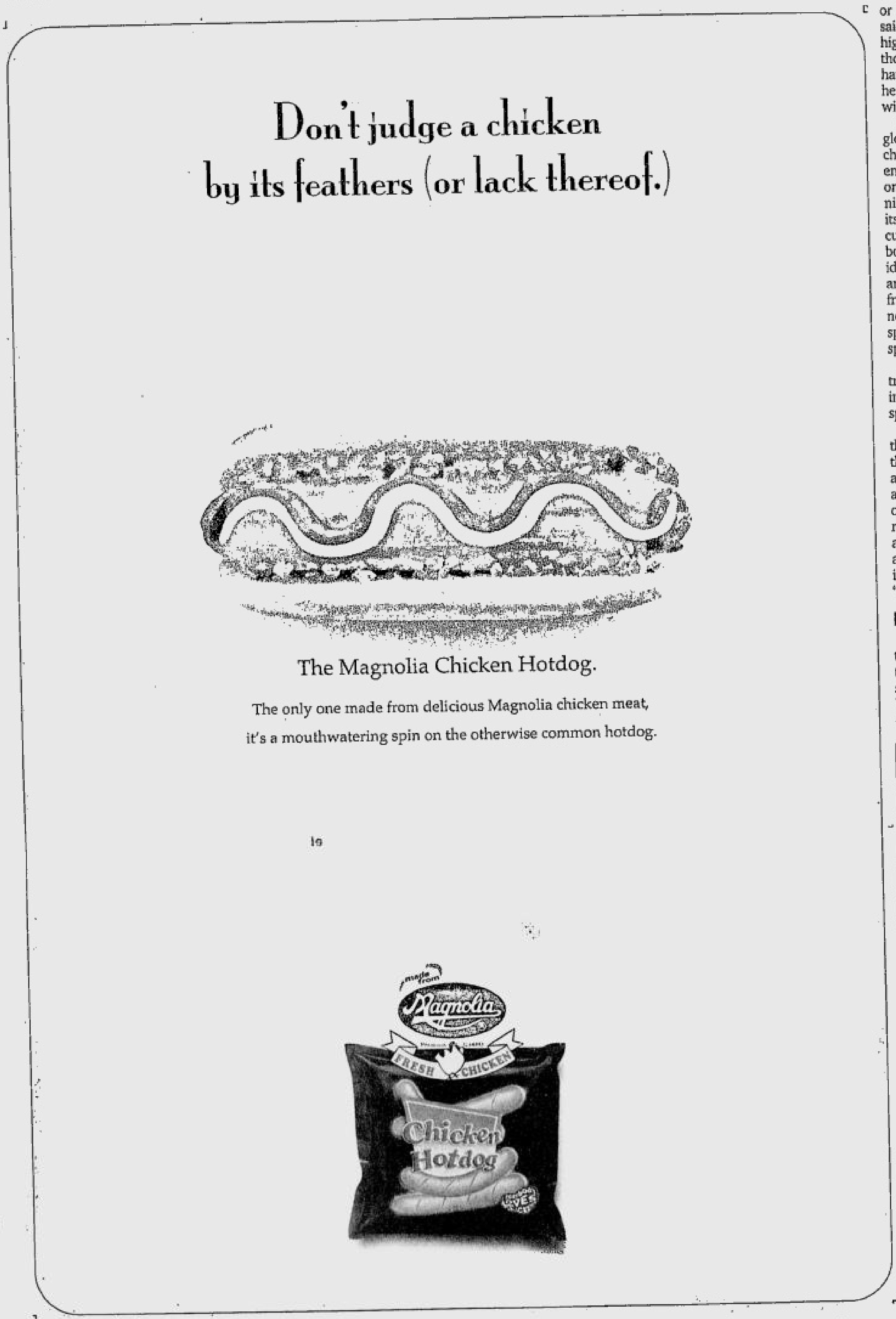

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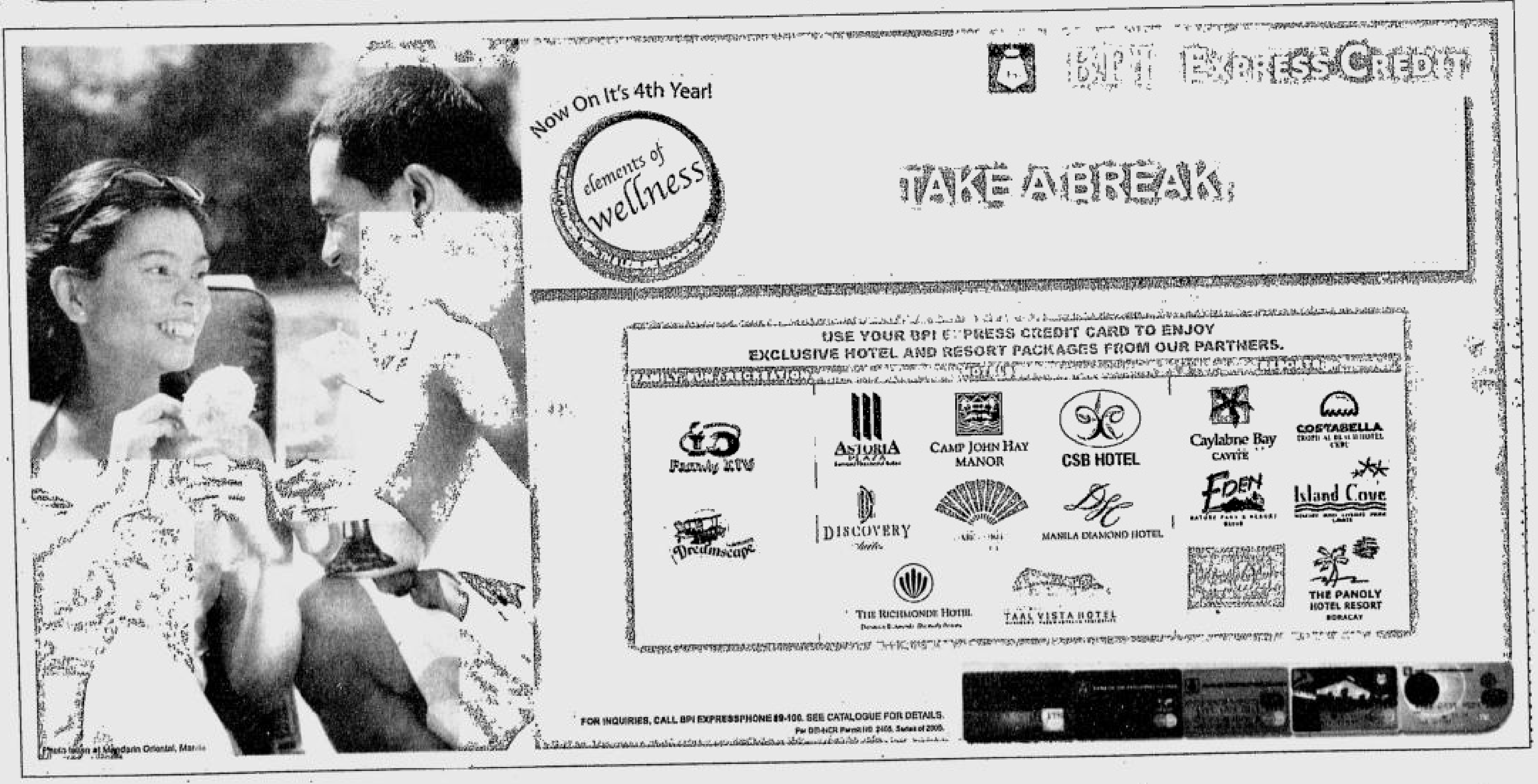

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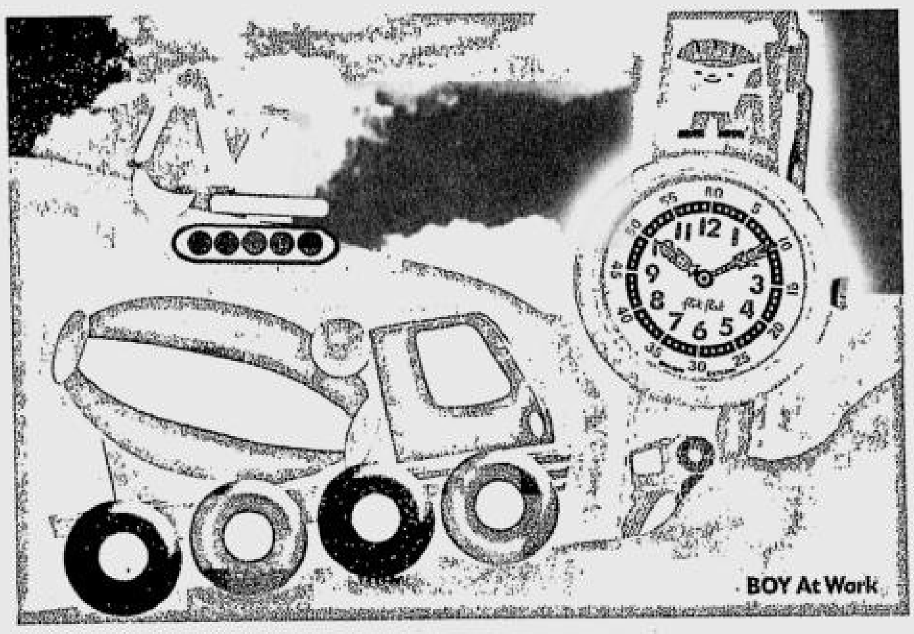

BOY At Work

THESE days, "fun" is very much a buzzword for activities and objects designed for children, and also for the child within each one of us!

By cooperating with learning specialists in finding a practical and entertaining way of helping kids tell the time, Swatch's Flik Flak is proving that educational tasks made fun are twice as interesting to kids. Like the many other amusing and instructive models from the makers of the ultimate Swiss children's watch, the Fun Collection 2005 offers a range of colorful, lively and appealing ways to make timekeeping an accessible and fascinating adventure for tykes.

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The child development experts who contributed to developing the designs obviously knew that the vivid color coding and the playful figures would both stimulate and facilitate the learning process. As an extra treat, a cardboard clock with detachable hands, included in the packaging of some models, enables kids to literally "get to grips" with time in motion.

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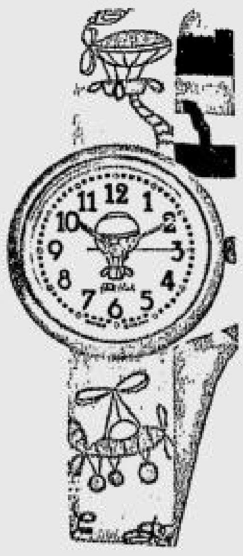

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ELOS TECHNOLOGY: THE NEW FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH?

Dr. Neil Sadick, a world-famous dermatologist based in New York, recently visited Manila to talk about the benefits of ELOS technology. In the 1990's the beauty buzz work was lasers. This 2005, the beauty hot topic is ELOS technology.

There are a total of 3 ELOS (Electro Optical Synergy) machines available in the market today - the Aurora, the Polaris and the VelaSmooth. When used together, Dr. Sadick says they provide total rejuvenation for both the face and body.

The Aurora is good for skin problems that involve color. Those who experience redness caused by too many blood vessels or scars that are red like keloids will benefit greatly from this machine. Brown lesions like melasma, freckles, and age spots are easily zapped away by the Aurora.

The Polaris, on the other hand, is good for fine lines and wrinkles, and is great for skin tightening. For best results it's best to combine both the Aurora and Polaris technologies for total skin rejuvenation in the face and the neck.

Of course, it would look funny to have a young-looking face and a sagging flabby body. Not to worry because ELOS technology can be used to treat cellulite and lumpy areas. The procedure is called "Lipolite," and it makes use of VelaSmooth machine which combines Infrared energy, Radiofrequency and Mechanical Suction to trim and tone skin.

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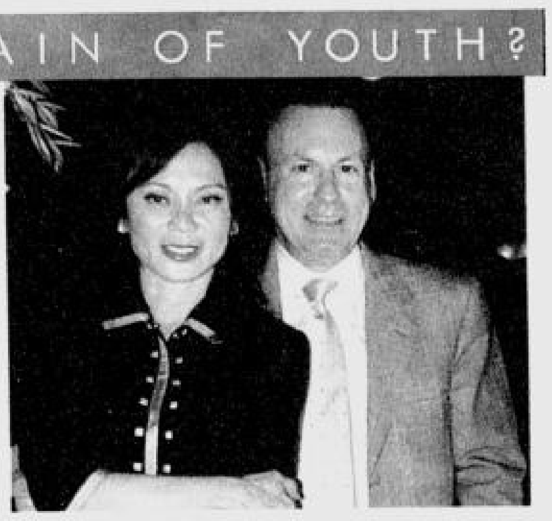

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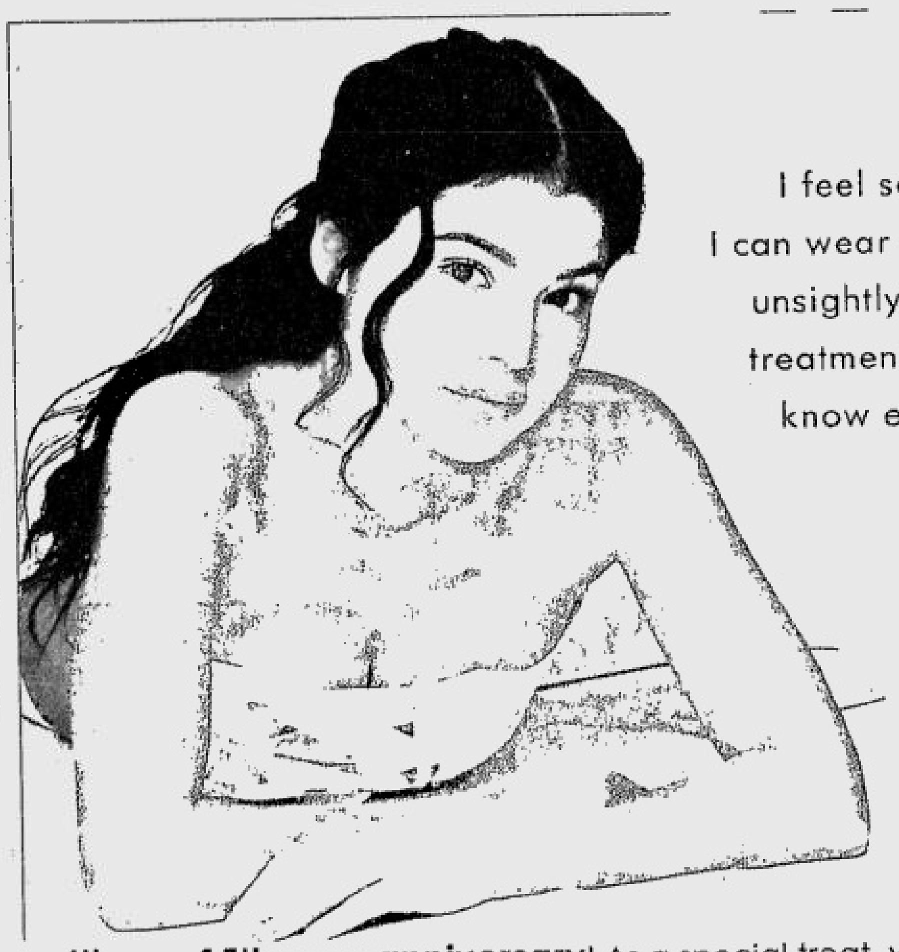

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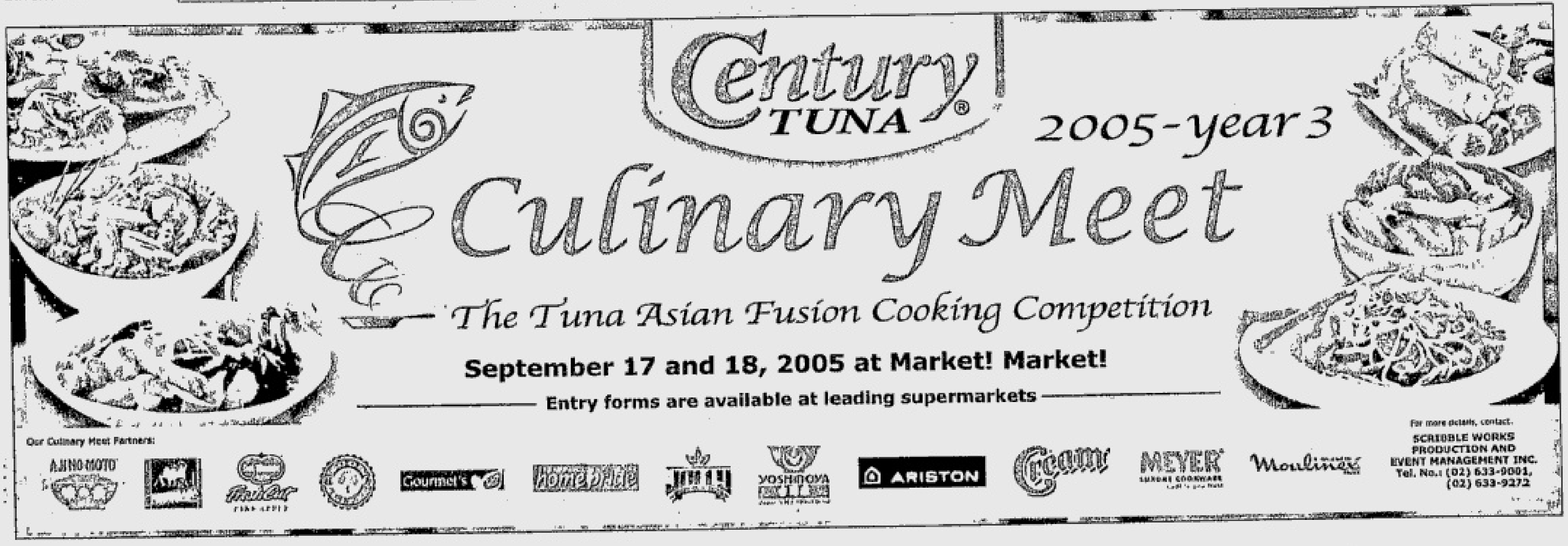

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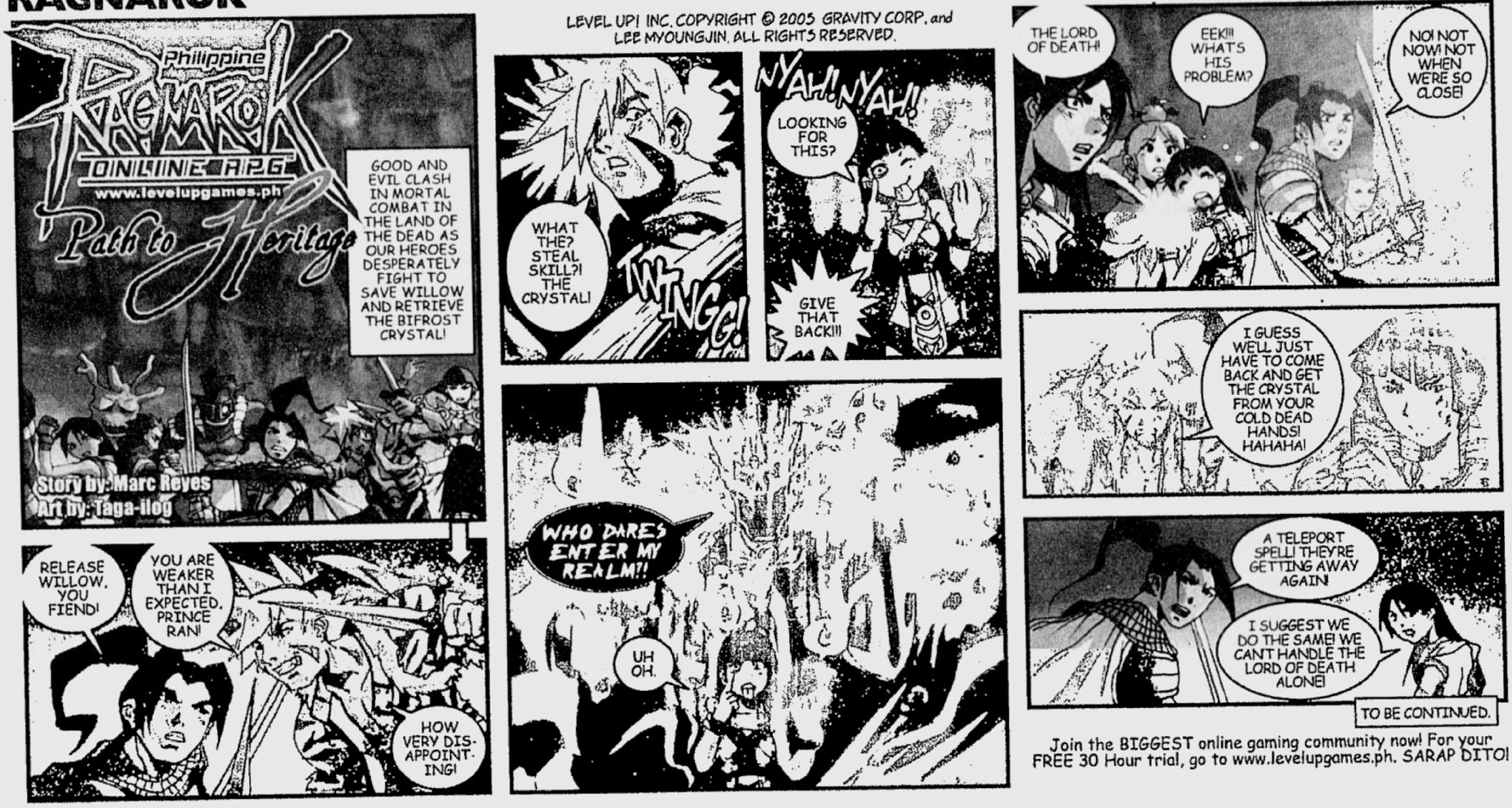

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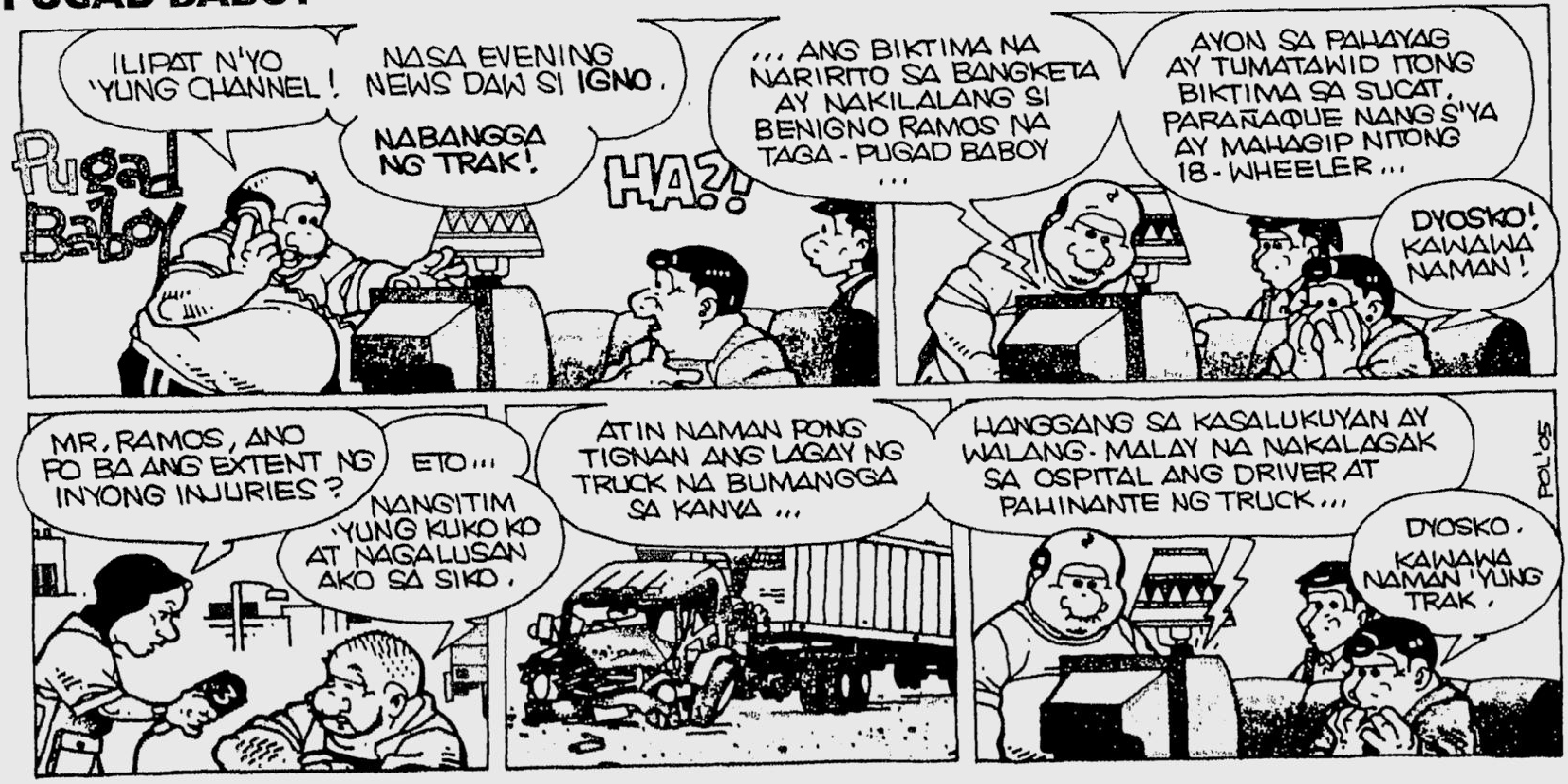

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ETO ...
NANGITIM 'YUNG KUKO KO AT NAGALUSAN AKO SA SIKO.
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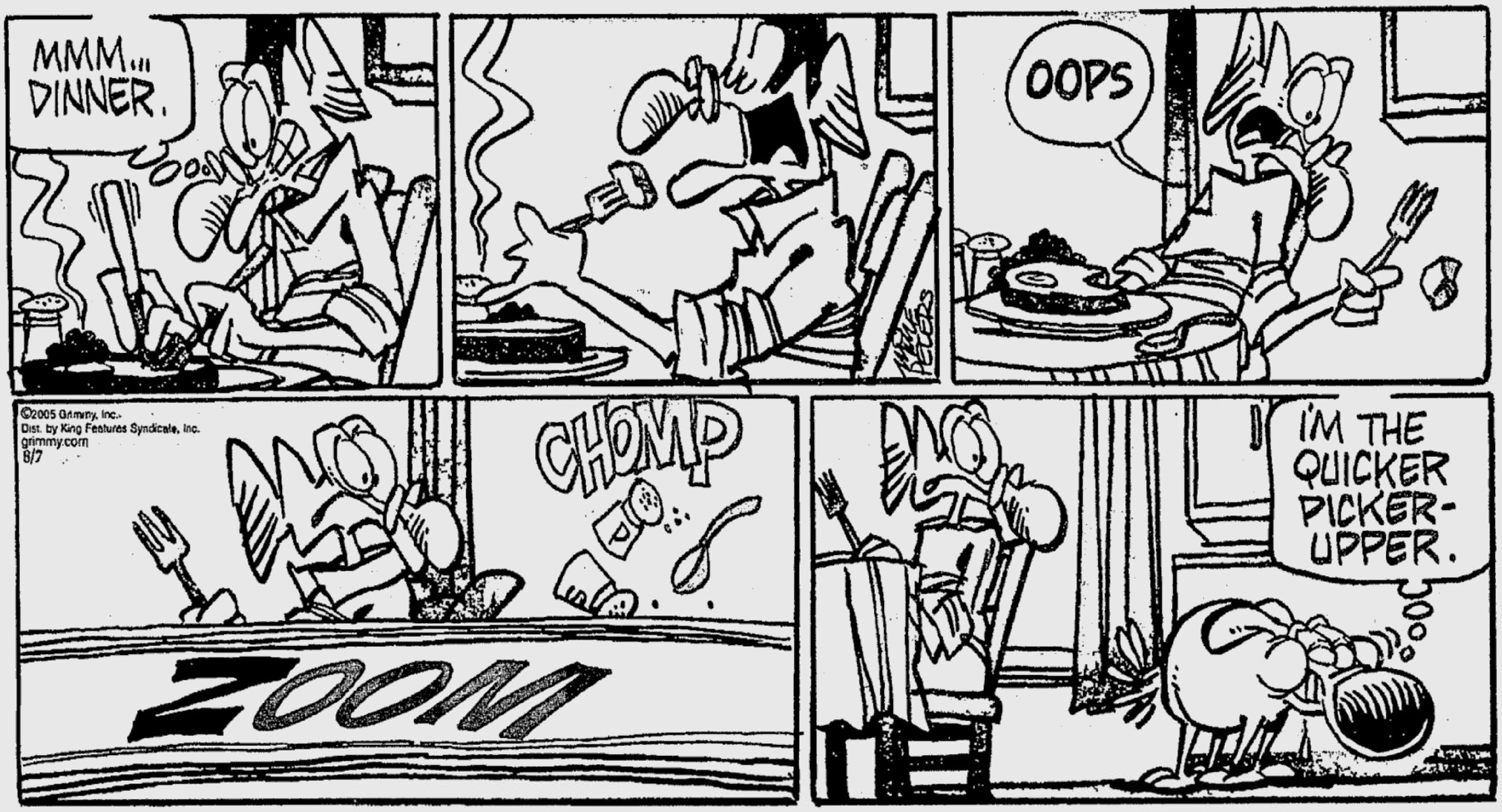
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I'M THE QUICKER PICKER-UPPER.

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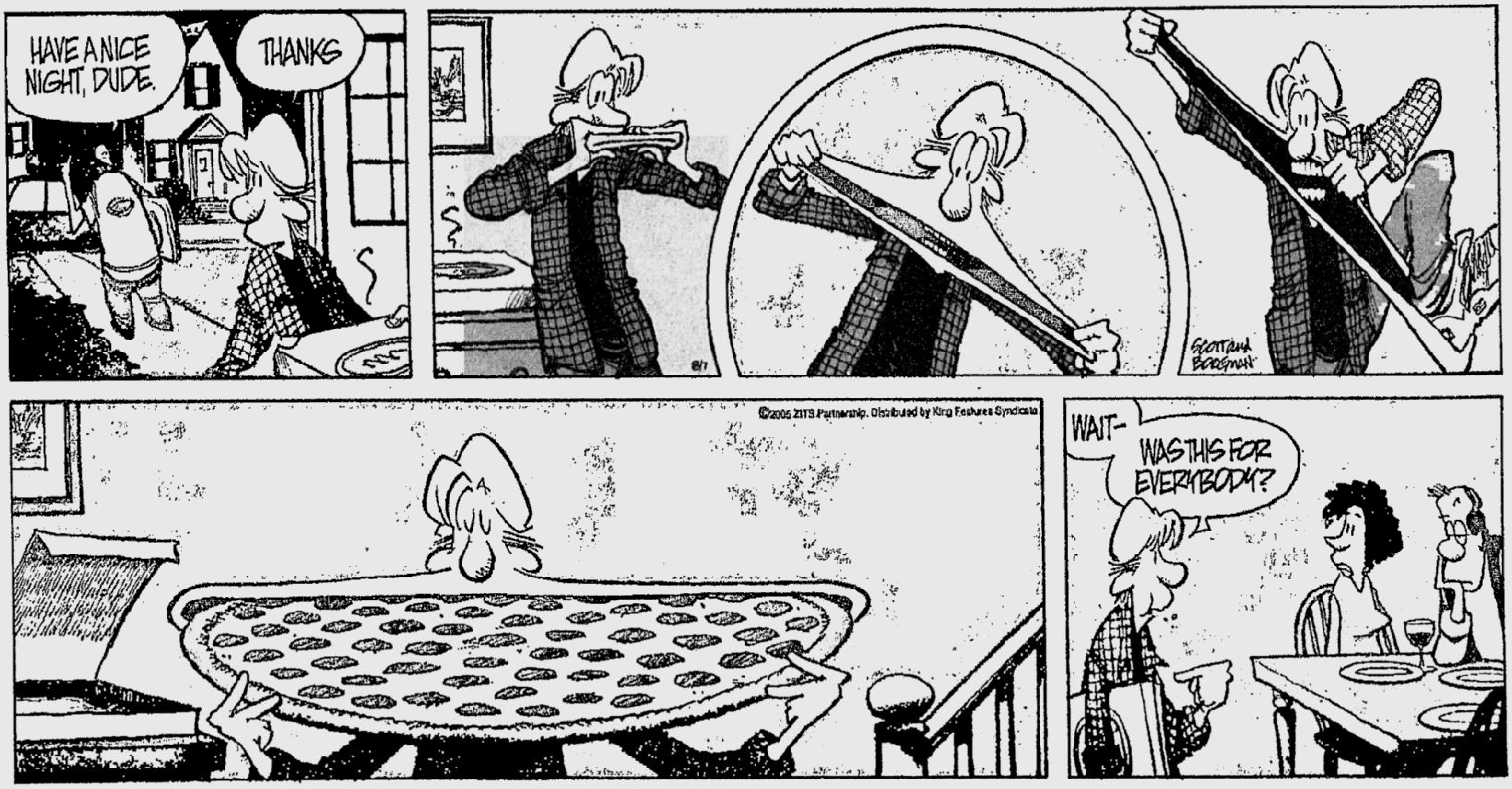
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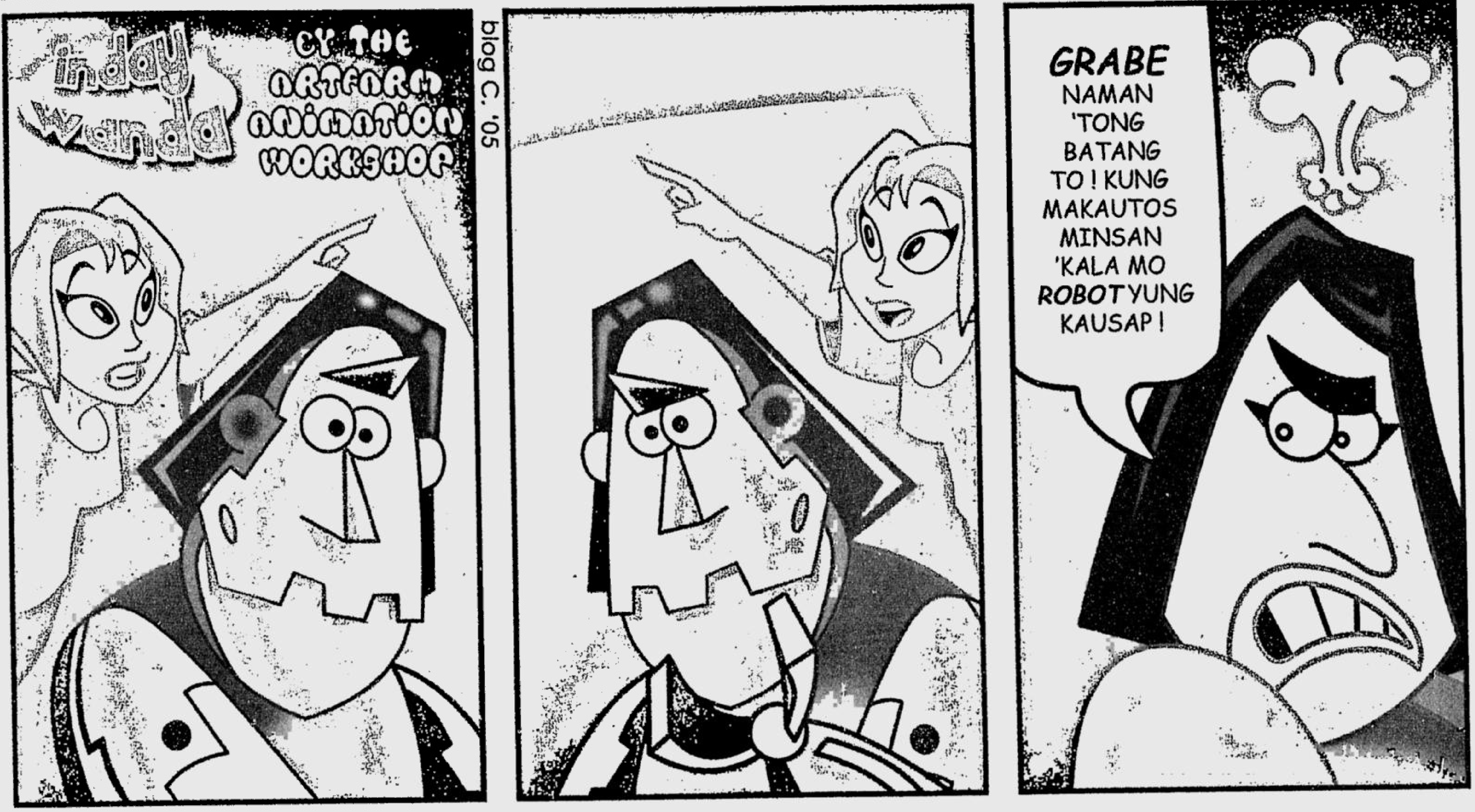
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GRABE NAMAN 'TONG BATANG TO! KUNG MAKAUTOS MINSAN 'KALA MO ROBOT YUNG KAUSAP!

A. FOLD OUT AT CENTER TO GET THE BIG PICTURE

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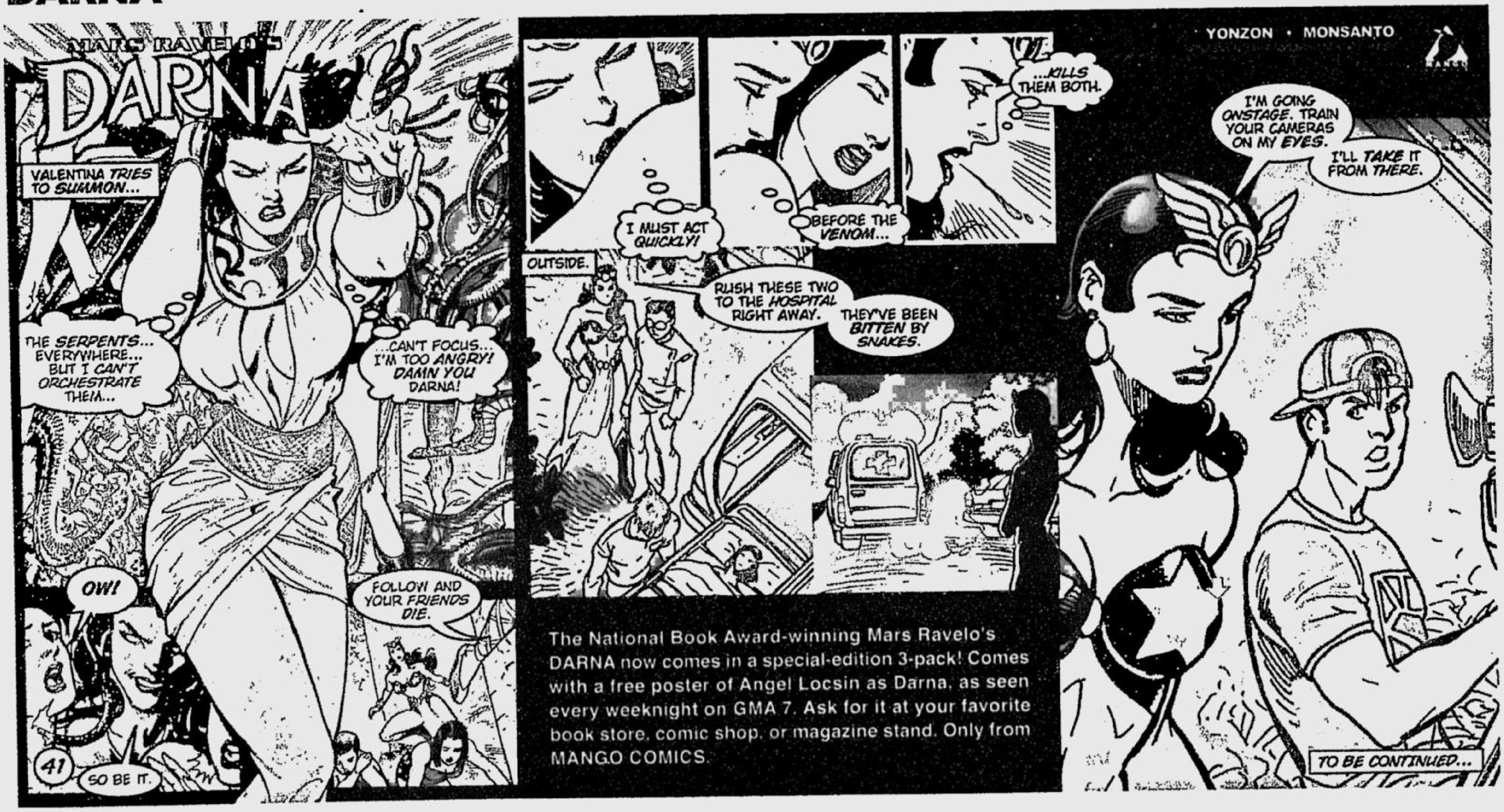
MARS RAVELO'S
DARNA
VALENTINA TRIES TO SUMMON...
THE SERPENTS... EVERYWHERE... BUT I CAN'T ORCHESTRATE THEM...
...CAN'T FOCUS... I'M TOO ANGRY! DAMN YOU DARNA!
OW!
FOLLOW AND YOUR FRIENDS DIE.
41
SO BE IT.
I MUST ACT QUICKLY!
BEFORE THE VENOM...
...KILLS THEM BOTH.
OUTSIDE.
RUSH THESE TWO TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY.
THEY'VE BEEN BITTEN BY SNAKES.
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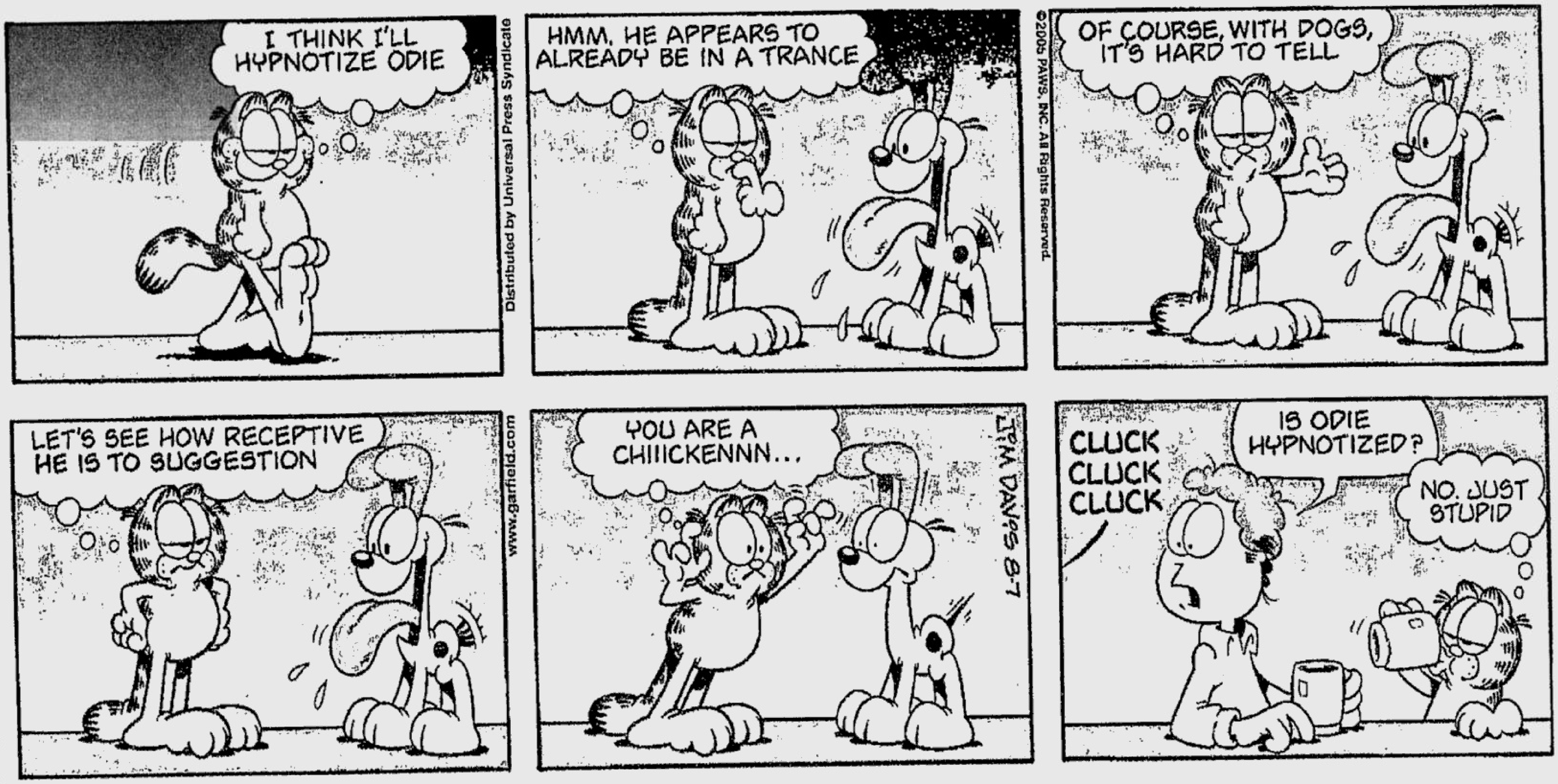
I THINK I'LL HYPNOTIZE ODIE
HMM, HE APPEARS TO ALREADY BE IN A TRANCE
OF COURSE, WITH DOGS, IT'S HARD TO TELL
LET'S SEE HOW RECEPTIVE HE IS TO SUGGESTION
YOU ARE A CHIIICKENNN...
CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK
IS ODIE HYPNOTIZED?
NO, JUST STUPID
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FULL HOUSE

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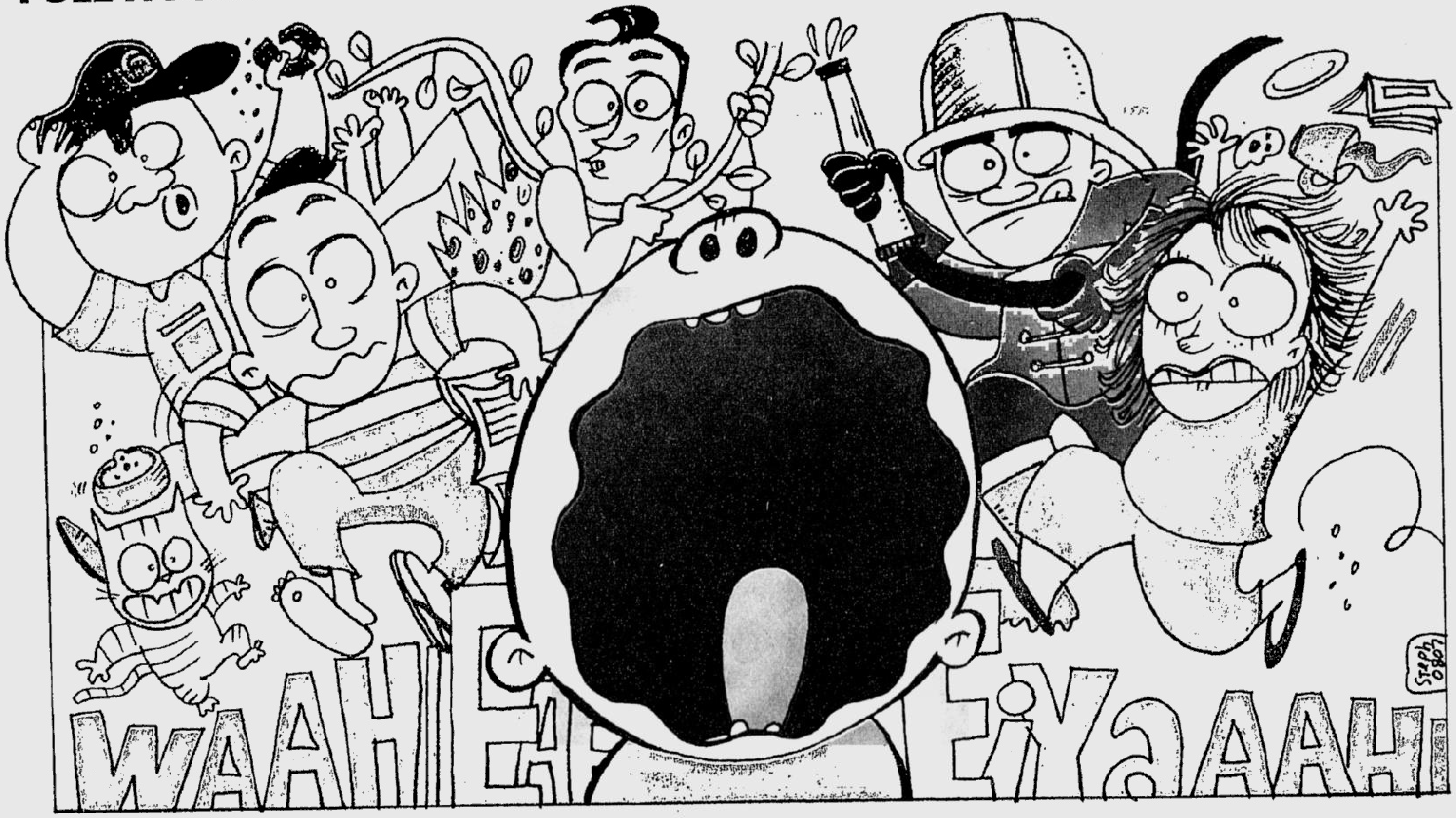
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B. TURN THE PAGE TO GET IT RIGHT

A baron visits Manila

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

MALTA dinner at residence of Delza Lazatin (second from left): Dr. Romeo Villonco, Baron von Boeselager, Nelly Delgado, Luis Quimson and Mike Guerrero

THE GRAND Hospitaller of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Albrecht Baron von Boeselager, visited recently the hospitaller projects of the Philippine Association of the Order of Malta (Pasmom).

The hospitaller activities of Pasmom include visits to different hospitals and homes for the aged, hospices and care centers accredited with the order; quarterly distribution of medicines, medical supplies and equipment; and programs for the alleviation of the suffering of the sick and poor.

The Philippines is part of the Maltezer International which covers a network of 46 order chapters all over the world and 13 relief services. The Sovereign Order of Malta was founded by Blessed Gerard 900 years ago to help alleviate human suffering.

Recently, Pasmom donated an ambulance to Our Lady of Peace Hospital in Parañaque City.

Pasmom also initiated the St. Ubaldesca Program for the "Prevention of the Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS" (PMTCT). The program targets medical professionals and service providers in hospitals to increase their awareness and efficiency in dealing with the disease.

Pasmom is planning to build a Hospitaller Center consisting of a tertiary clinic with testing facilities, counseling for AIDS victims and family, and a hospital for those whose families cannot care for them.

Baron von Boeselager was well pleased with the work and gave his full support.

Pasmom hosted a dinner for the Grand Hospitaller at the home of Doña Delza Lazatin. The baron talked about the new Maltezer International. He also conveyed the greetings of the Grand Master, Fra Andrew Bertie. Don Ernesto Rufino, president of Pasmom, thanked the baron for his visit and support for the projects of Pasmom, particularly the PMTCT.

Officers

Pasmom officers are Don Ernesto Rufino Jr., president; Don Luis Quimson, vice president; Don Christopher Lim, chancellor; Doña Lena Vera, hospitaller; and Doña Delza Lazatin, treasurer. To be invested on Oct. 13 as Dames of Magistral Grace are Odelia Gregorio-Arroyo, Josie Padilla-Rufino and Alice Tesoro-Guerrero.

Visit

Daniel Meehan, a member of the American Federation of the Sovereign Order of Malta, visited Manila recently to inaugurate a new unit at the Elsie Gaches Village, which was constructed through a US$50,000 donation from the Meehan Family Foundation. The Philippine association has also received medicine, medical supplies, wheelchairs, ambulances and hospital equipment from the foundation.

406th fiesta

The San Fernando de Dilao Parish in Paco will celebrate its 406th fiesta on Aug. 21. Novena Masses in honor of the Santo Sepulcro will be conducted Aug. 12-20.

In charge of the event are Sol Alturas Yu, chair of the fiesta committee; Jojo Quilantang, vice chair; Angie de la Cruz, secretary; Aida Altamirano, treasurer; and Joey Mendoza, Bong Salcedo, Esmeralda Roxas and Ging Clarida, members.

This is the second time Sol Yu is chairing the fiesta committee. She is president of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) in the Vicariate of San Fernando de Dilao. In Paco parish, she was CWL president for three terms.

Founder's visit

Rosary for Life founder Wyn Powers is visiting dioceses and Marian organizations in the Philippines until Aug. 16. He is promoting the one-hour praying of the 20 Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

She is scheduled to meet family life workers in Bacolod today. Yesterday, she met Archbishop Lagdameo in Iloilo .

In San Fernando, Pampanga, she will visit the Shrine of the Unborn, Aug. 11; speak in a symposium with the youth of Batangas, Aug. 12, in Lipa City; and have a live interview with Radio Maria, Aug. 16, in Tarlac.

Parishes interested in the Rosary for Life can call Jackie or Weng at 4003447.

Novena

The novena in honor of St. Philomena, patroness of the living Rosary, at the Santuario de Santa Philomena—the only one in the Philippines—at the Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Malacinaman St., Masambong, Quezon City, will end Aug. 10. Her feast day is Aug. 11.

Rosary starts at 5:30 p.m. It will be followed by novena prayers and Holy Mass at 6:30 p.m. A procession will be held at 4 p.m. today, followed by novena prayers and Holy Mass at 6 p.m. to be celebrated by The Most Reverend Honesto Ontico, D.D., Bishop of Cubao.

The bishop will bless pilgrims and give a special souvenir of the 200th anniversary of the transition of the sacred body of St. Philomena from Rome to Mugnano del Cardinale (Avelino) in Italy in 1805.

On Aug. 11, there will be Holy Masses at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 nn, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The relic of St. Philomena shall be venerated after the Masses during the novena days and the feast day.

Pilgrimage

Fr. Diwane Cacao will lead pilgrims as chaplain Nov. 8-22. The pilgrimage arranged by Adam's Travel will bring the group to Rome, Assisi, Padua, Venice, Salzburg, Lucerne, Nice, Montpellier, Lourdes, Paray le Monial, Nevers and Paris. Call 5211651 or text Ana at 0915-5514468.

Archbishop Angel Lagdameo will mark his 25th anniversary as a bishop on Aug.12.

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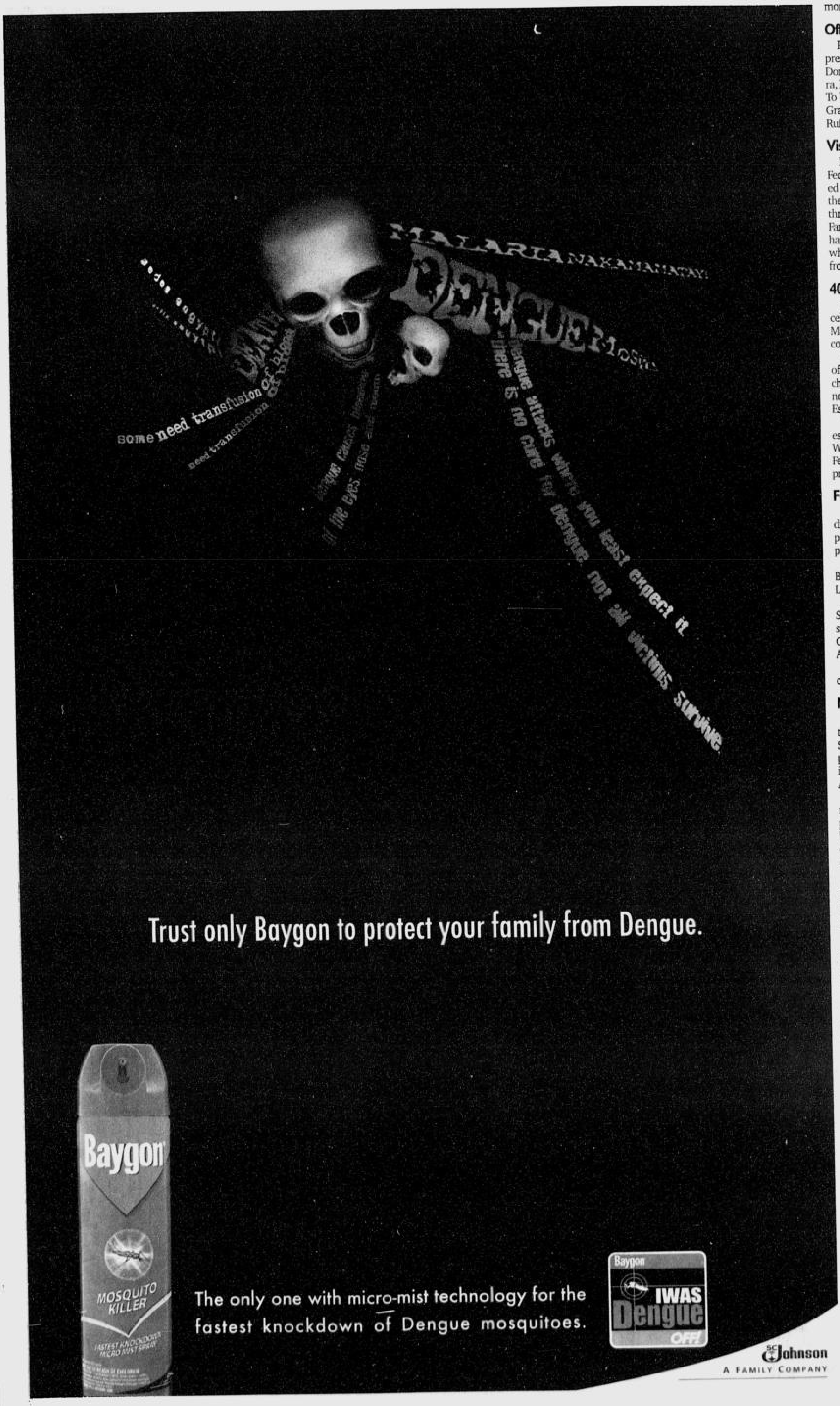

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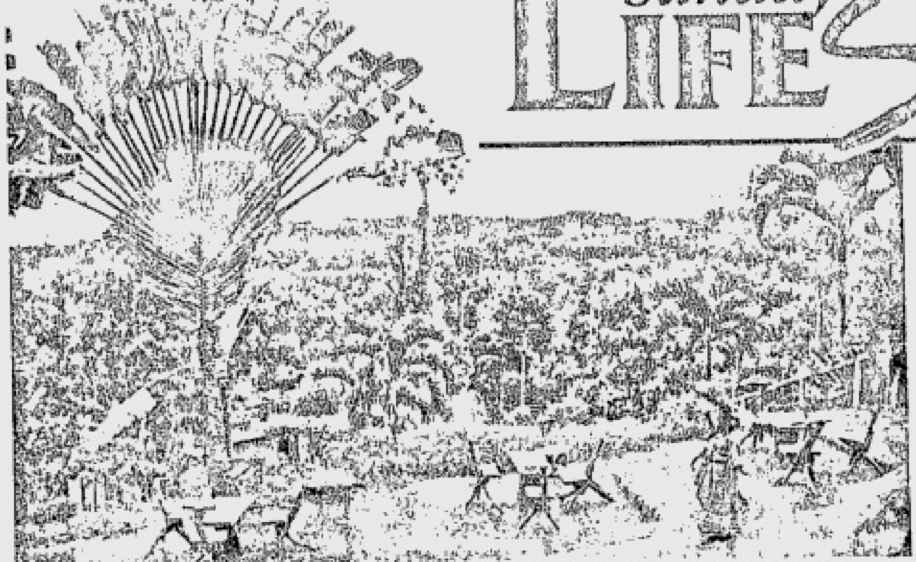
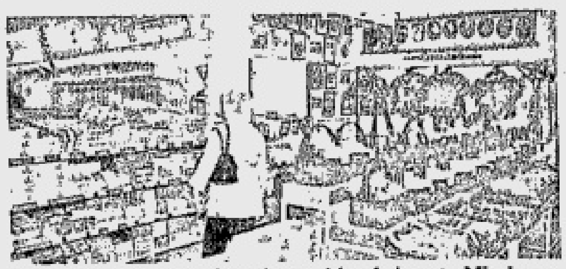
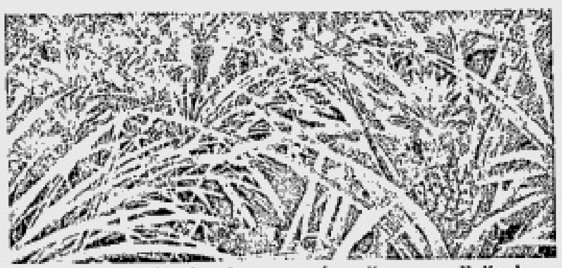


THE COLORFUL costume of a member of a northern Mindanao cultural group makes a striking contrast to the lush greenery and calm, clear waters beyond.



SM CITY's Supermarket gives pride of place to Mindanao produce like fresh pineapples, *pastillas*, pastries and nuts.



DEL Monte Philippines' new outdoor "museum" displays some of the world's different pineapple varieties.

LIFESTYLE GOES TO CAGAYAN DE ORO

Mindanao's own gold coast

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Rudy Esperas

The City of Golden Friendship is the gateway to many of the south's major attractions

THE CAPITAL of Misamis Oriental, Cagayan de Oro sits on the northern coast of Mindanao and prides itself as the City of Golden Friendship.

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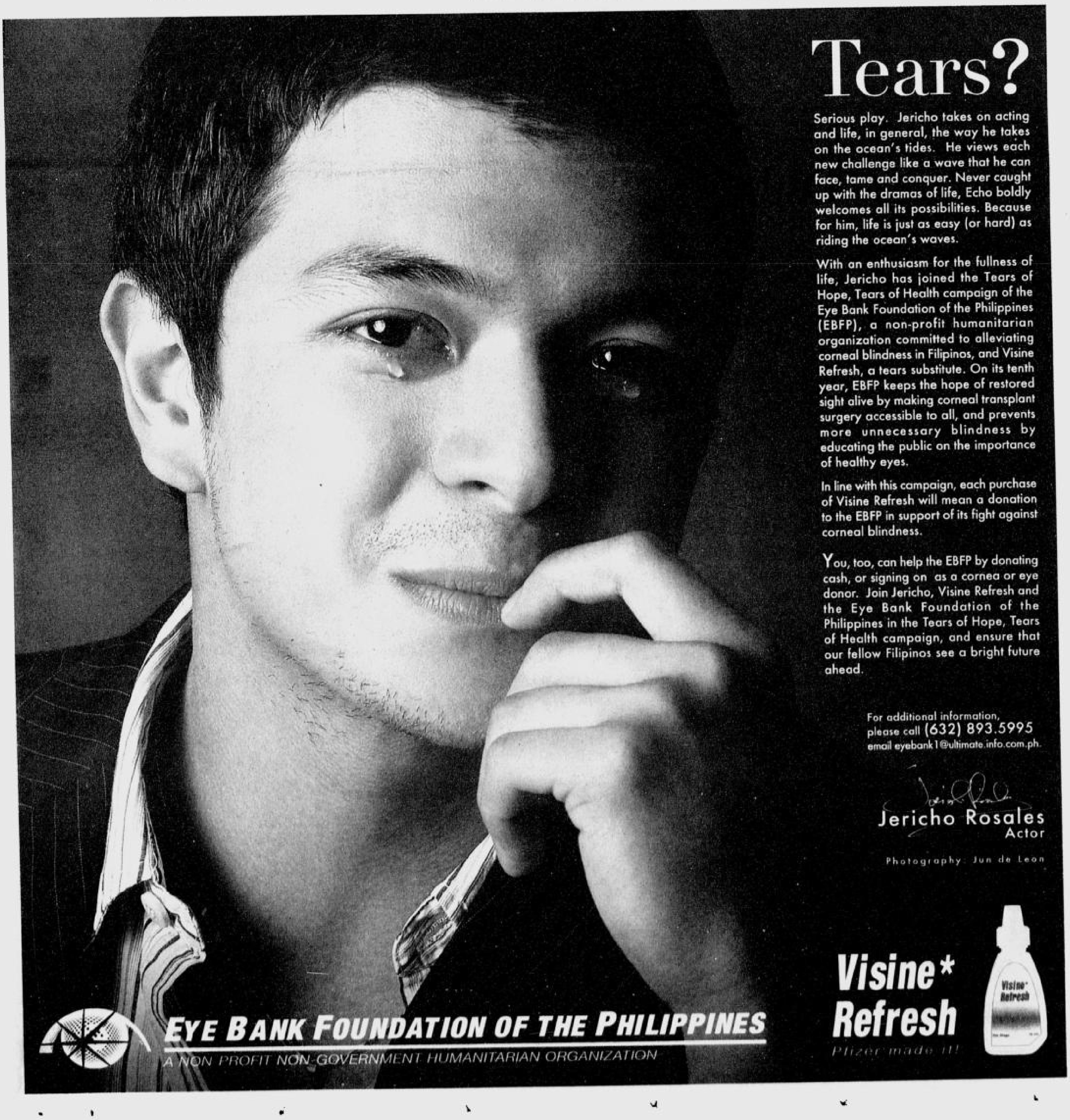

Tears?

Serious play. Jericho takes on acting and life, in general, the way he takes on the ocean's tides. He views each new challenge like a wave that he can face, tame and conquer. Never caught up with the dramas of life, Echo boldly welcomes all its possibilities. Because for him, life is just as easy (or hard) as riding the ocean's waves.

With an enthusiasm for the fullness of life, Jericho has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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Jericho Rosales
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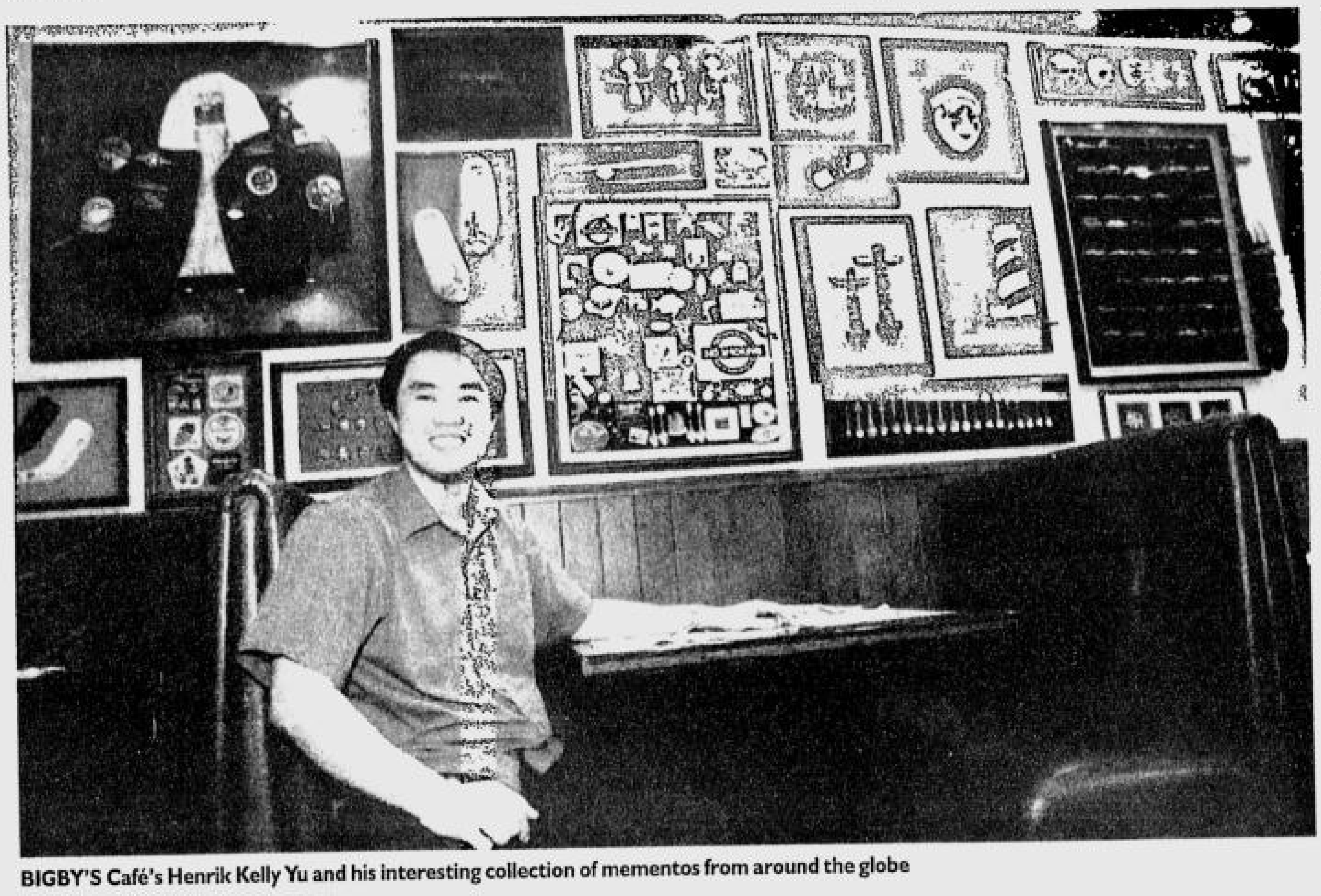
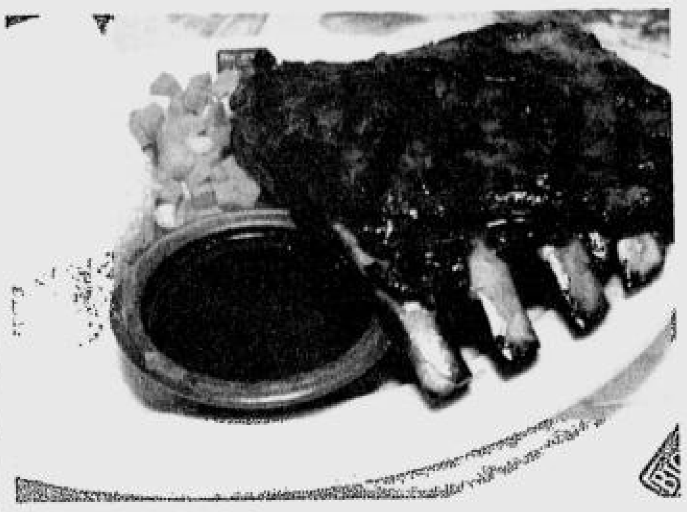


BIGBY'S Café's Henrik Kelly Yu and his interesting collection of mementos from around the globe



BIGBY'S Rack-a-Bye Baby

MAITA M. Gue, Roadhouse Café owner-manager

One-stop destination for flavors of Cagayan de Oro

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Rudy Esperas

IF you are in the City of Golden Friendship and want to go on a food trip, make a beeline to SM City Cagayan de Oro.

Three of the city's most popular restaurants have branches in the mall, so you don't have to go far to find out why they are tops with Cagayanons.

Bigby's Café, owned by Henrik Yu and wife Joanna and their friend Catherine Genabe, has already branched out in Cebu, Bacolod and Davao.

Opened in 1998, Bigby's offers Oriental, Continental and Mediterranean dishes, served in huge portions. The restaurant is known for its heavenly desserts. Topping the list is the sinful Titanic Treat, a mini-mountain of ice-cream scoops (about 40) with chocolate chips, moist chocolate cake, chocolate cookies and fruits.

Another popular item is the Tijuana *quesadillas*, a fresh, light take on the classic Mexican *pica-pica*. The flour tortilla is deliciously burnt, crunchy and thin with lots of cheese and garlic, and salsa on the side.

Salad lovers will enjoy the Bermuda Triangle of lettuce, ham, cheese, roast beef and tomatoes. Also not to be missed is the Mandarin Haystack Salad, a mix of garden-fresh greens with chicken, bean sprouts, mandarin oranges, egg and crispy noodles with a sesame dressing.

Big-eaters will be quite happy with Rack-a-Bye Baby, barbecued pork ribs. Chix Ahoy is boneless chicken with a garlicky flavor, while Tapa Bai! is spicy beef tenderloin tips served on a sizzling platter with rice.

"We try to make our menu as interesting as possible. We change the list every few months for customers who look for something new all the time," says Yu.

He is in charge of the marketing side, while his wife and Genabe, who have culinary backgrounds, take charge of the kitchen.

Bigby's Café's interiors consists of wood panels, clear glass and wooden tables and chairs. The walls display memorabilia of the owners' trips abroad.

BIGBY'S Strawberry Shortcake

Three of the city's most popular restaurants have opened branches at SM City

BIGBY'S all-time favorite Titanic Treat

American diner

Elpidio Paras and wife Rose put up P. Joes Diner for people with a craving for huge and delicious burgers, spaghetti and fried chicken.

"We've had several restaurants in the past, and we felt opening an American diner will give some customers some feeling of nostalgia," says Paras, who also has a cable satellite business in the city.

The SM branch is the second P. Joe's. The Paras couple also has a Filipino buffet restaurant, Tia Nanang's, outside the mall.

P. Joe's is probably the only place in the country with a four-seater Beechcraft plane proudly hanging from the ceiling.

"This aircraft used to fly in Mindanao," says Paras, a licensed pilot.

The other branch has a bigger plane—a vintage cargo aircraft from World War II.

P. Joe's menu is quite extensive. For breakfast, it serves waffle squares, corned-beef hash and Filipino sausage. For lunch and dinner, it offers a wide array of starters including *calamares*, chicken finger strips, chicken *chicharon* and buffalo wings.

P. Joe's Sample, a combo of golden mini mozzarella sticks, cheese-and-bacon baked potato, and crispy tender chicken served with marinara sauce and sour cream, is the house specialty. Best-selling pizza is the pepperoni and cheese, and, for pasta, the classic spaghetti Bolognese.

For entrée, favorites are Kansas Baby Back Ribs, char-grilled prime lean meat and meaty ribs smothered with Kansas-style barbecue sauce; Big Momma Meatloaf, quarter-pound slice of home-style meat loaf served with mashed potato and rich country gravy; and grilled steaks (T-bone, pork steak, porterhouse, salmon and ostrich).

Desserts include the classic apple pie, Oreo cookie sandwich with vanilla ice cream, blueberry cheesecake and banana split.

Fine dining

Roadhouse Café, also at the ground level, has an extensive menu that includes soups, salads, sandwiches; chicken, beef, pork dishes; noodles and sizzling items.

Owner-manager Maita Montesclaros Gue says the first branch of the family-owned café opened in Valencia City, Bukidnon, on a busy road connecting Cagayan de Oro and Davao. It caters primarily to travelers who like a fusion of Western and Asian cuisines.

ONE-STOP/ G3

(clockwise from top) ROADHOUSE Café's Sizzling Pochero, Seafoods in the Basket and Sweet Delight

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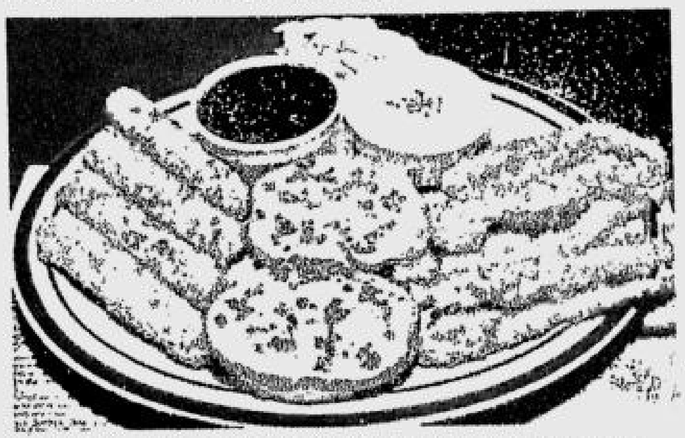

P. JOE'S Sampler, a combo of mozzarella sticks, cheese and bacon baked potato and crispy tender chicken with marinara sauce and sour cream

P. JOE'S husband-and-wife team Elpidio and Rose Paras

One-stop destination for flavors . . .

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The family sees having a branch at SM as a chance to introduce their food to Cagayanons and their visitors.

The semi-fine-dining restaurant has a modern country motif with wooden cartwheel and saddle displayed near the entrance. The restaurant, which can seat about 90, has huge servings.

"Ideal for sharing," says Gue.

Filipino favorites include *sinugbang tiyan ng baboy*, *lechon kawali*, *binagoongang baboy*, crispy *pata*, *pinaputok na kitong* and beef steak Tagalon.

Sizzling items include beef brisket, tenderloin tops, *pochero* and *sisig*. Served with rice on the side are chopped roast beef, pork Cordon Bleu, chicken teriyaki, baby-back rib and Hungarian sausage.

Desserts include mango crepe topped with vanilla ice cream and mango-*pandan* salad.

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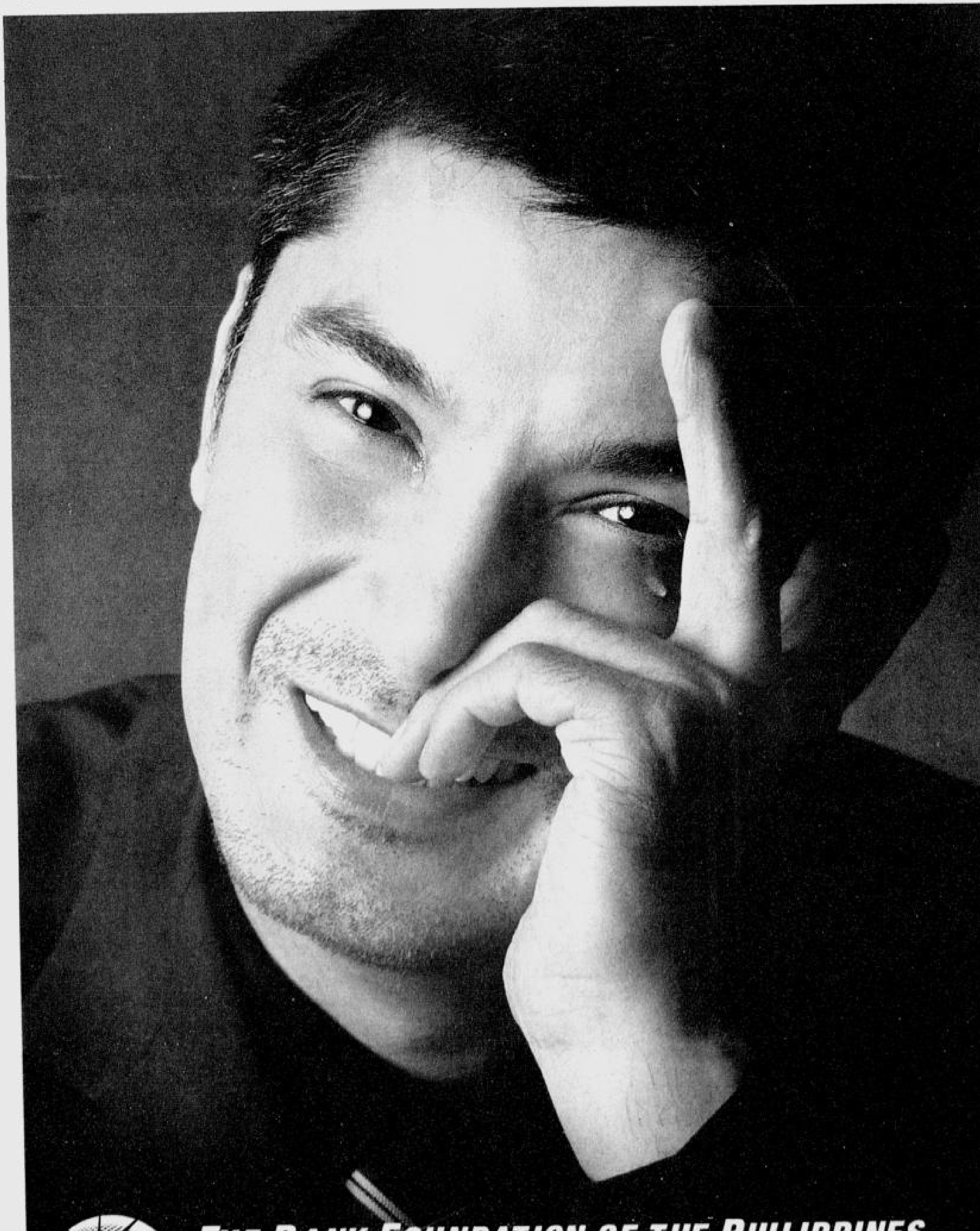

Tears?

Passion. Albert values his success and all the blessings that have come with it because they are the fruits of honest, hard work. Having lived a challenging life in the US, he brought home enough lessons and experiences to grow as an actor and, more importantly, fuel his belief in Pinoy excellence. Fire burns in Albert's heart, and he hopes that it is this character that people will always remember him for.

Hoping to move others to action, Albert has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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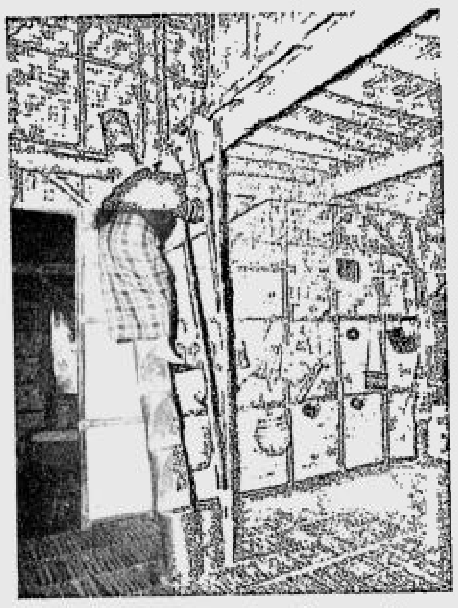
IN CEREMONIAL finery, members of Higaonon and Subanon cultural groups perform a bird dance every 4 p.m. for visitors of Malasag Ecotourism Village.

TRAVELLER palms at visitors' rest area. Beyond is an awesome view of Macajalar Bay.

Heavenly gardens

By Marietta Giron
Photos by Rudy Esperas



WOMAN scales the crude stairway to the sleeping quarters at the mezzanine of tribal house.

"HEAVENLY!" was how a guest from Germany described his weeklong stay at the Malasag Eco-Tourism Village and Garden in Cagayan de Oro. He was actually one of several foreigners who discovered the mountain hideaway and just had to stay for several days to enjoy nature's sights and sounds.

We met him during our recent visit to the village. He was jogging to his lodge, one of 28 simple cottages on the sprawling hills that faced the picturesque Macajalar Bay.

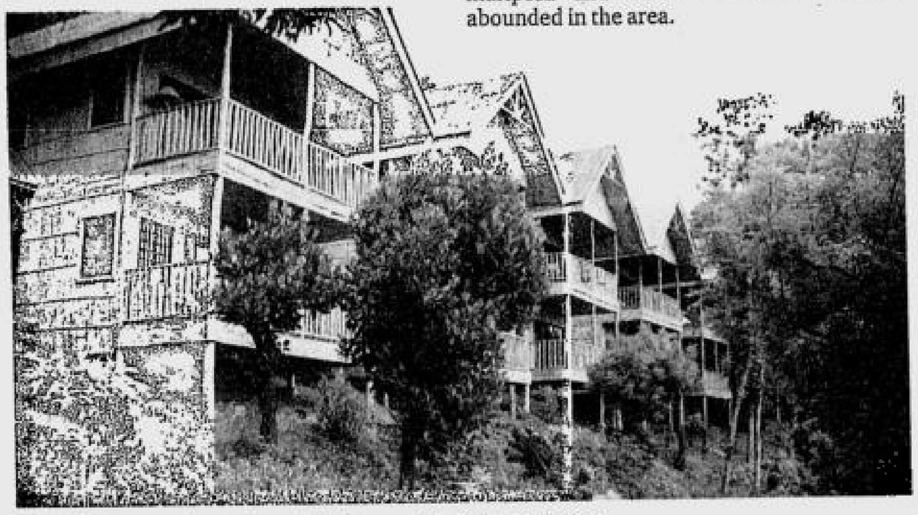
The cottages are made of native *narra*, *molave*, teak, native grass and other hardy wood. Their names, however, except for the indigenous *waling-waling*, are borrowed from foreign orchids cattleya and dendrobium. We had expected fitting names like *sanggumay*, mariposa and other native orchids that abounded in the area.

Modern conveniences in these cottages are down to the most basic items like bed, chairs, tables and toilet. There is no television set, radio or newspaper delivery.

"Capturing the ethnic spirit of Northern Mindanao's tribal culture and rich flora and fauna is what the Malasag village was envisioned when it was opened to the public sometime in 1997," our guide, Rex Eriarte Imboc, explained to us at the start of our trek to the winding trails that dipped and climbed through the botanical section of the village.

Earlier, Imboc described to us the ceremonial welcome dance that greeted us at the entrance of the village. Dressed in full ceremonial finery, the dancers performed the intricate steps of "Binanog," a bird dance. They're members of the tribal families that reside and work in the village. They live in tribal houses called the Subanon and the Higaonon, where they demonstrate to visitors their art of weaving, basket making and wood carving.

"The cultural village is also a botanical garden. It is designed as a living museum that serves as a learning center and display of ecotourism, ethnic arts, native flora. There's also a souvenir shop of ethnic products that generate revenue and livelihood for the tribal groups," Imboc said. Also in the village are the other tribes called Talaandigs, Maranaos and Ifugaos.



GUEST cottages do not have telephones, television and other modern-day distractions, making them perfect getaways.

Panoramic view

Tall trees towered over ground-hugging plants that made for the forest cover of the lush Malasag Hills. As we trekked along the rolling terrain, we identified the familiar trees ylang-ylang, champaca, *antipolo* tree, teak, kapok and more.

At the end of the winding path decked with natural slabs of rocks called *mangina* was the aviary of Philippine birds. No doubt used to visitors, a tamed crow trailed after us. But the bigger birds, hawks and hornbills, didn't pay any attention to us, obviously because feeding time was over and done with by the caretaker.

Back on flat land, we passed the visitors' view deck where exotic traveler palms framed the panoramic view of the bay. "On clear nights, lights on the city's coastline are visible, and so are the spectacular stars in the sky," Imboc said.

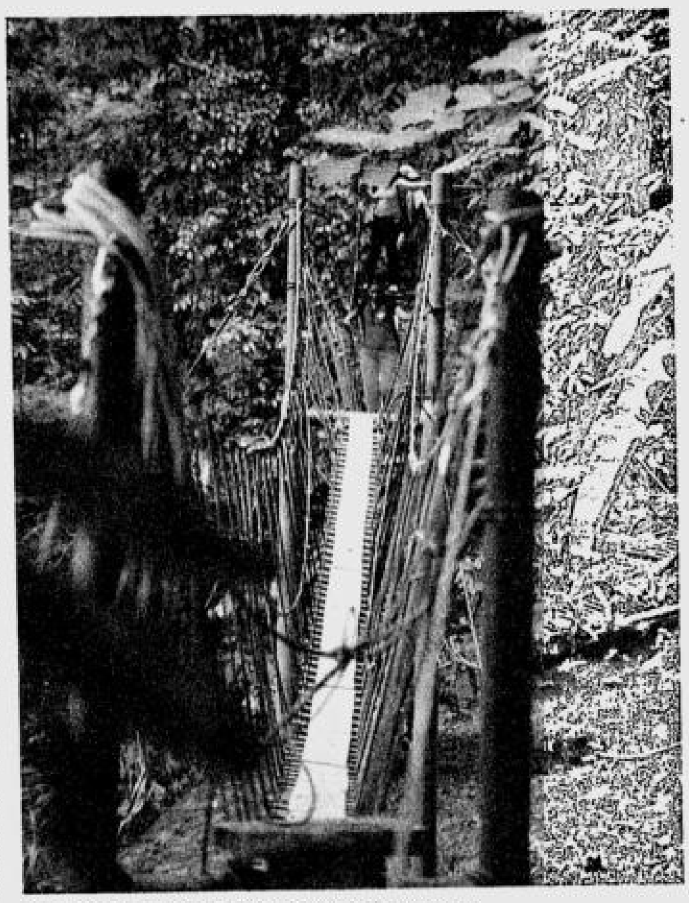
At the end of the trek was a paved walkway with a pergola that was covered with trailing moon vines that were filled with white flowers. The serene sight took away the pains and aches wrought by the uphill-downhill trek around Malasag Ecotourism Village.

Other features of the village are the camp ground, swimming pool, picnic shed, orchidarium, mini garden, native restaurant, butterfly garden and multi-purpose hall.

The resort is only 20 minutes away from the city where there are vehicles—jeepneys, taxis, and motorcycles called *habal-habal* —that are available for transport to Malasag.

For information on how to get there, call Imboc at (088) 8556183.

Malasag tries to capture the ethnic spirit of Northern Mindanao's cultural communities and showcase its rich flora and fauna



HANGING, swaying bridge for the adventurous

World of pineapples

By Marietta V. Giron
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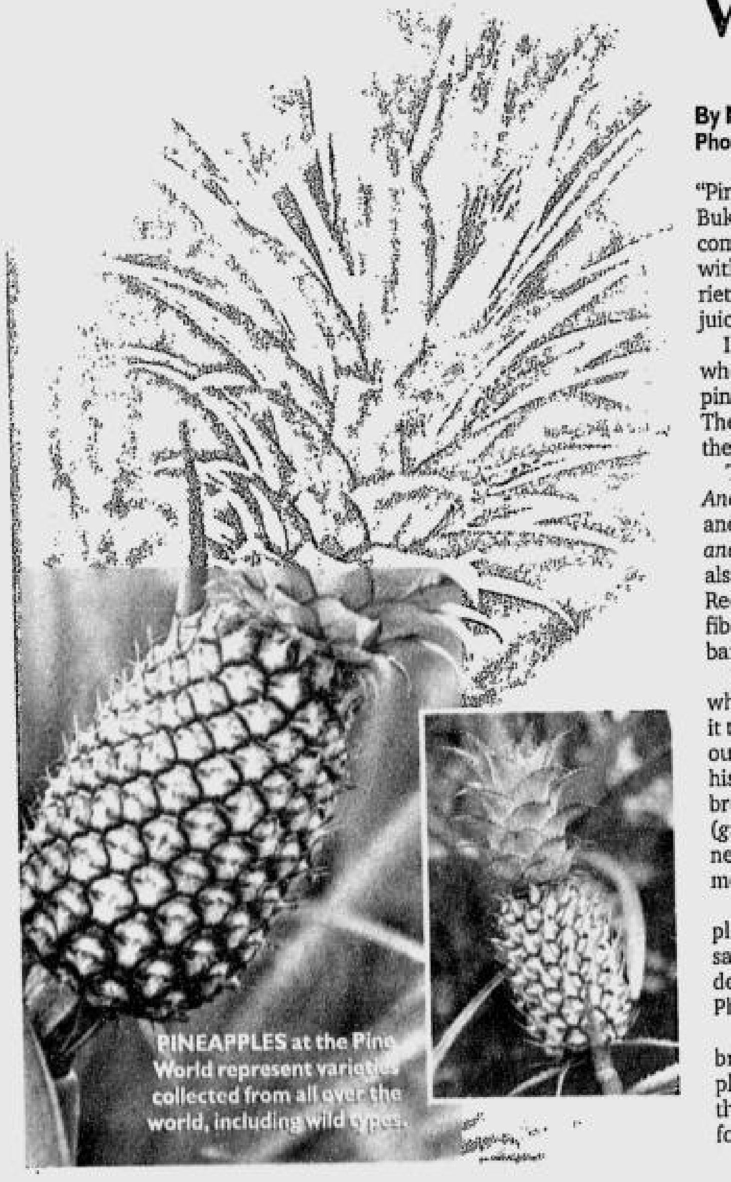


PINEAPPLES at the Pine World represent varieties collected from all over the world, including wild types.

"Pine World" at Del Monte Plantation in Bukidnon is a teeny-weeny patch of ground compared to the vast acres of land planted with millions of the two special pineapple varieties used for the famous canned fruit and juice.

It may be just a patch of ground, but this is where 80 different kinds of interesting pineapple from all over the world are grown. They come in various sizes and colors, and their names are just as fascinating.

Take, for example, the wild pineapple, *Ananas bracteatus*, the *morado* from Brazil, and another wild species called *Ananas ananasoides*. There are other varieties. This is also where the important textile pineapple, Red Spanish, can be found. It is the source of fiber for the *jusi* cloth, a favorite material for barong Tagalog, shawls and gowns.

Pine World is found at the visitor's center which is open to the public. On our recent visit to the plantation, we were lucky to have for our guide plant breeder Rey Pimentel. Prior to his move to Del Monte, he was involved in the breeding program of garden-variety hibiscus (*gumamela*). In fact, most of the beautiful new *gumamelas* in Philippine gardens are Pimentel's crosses.

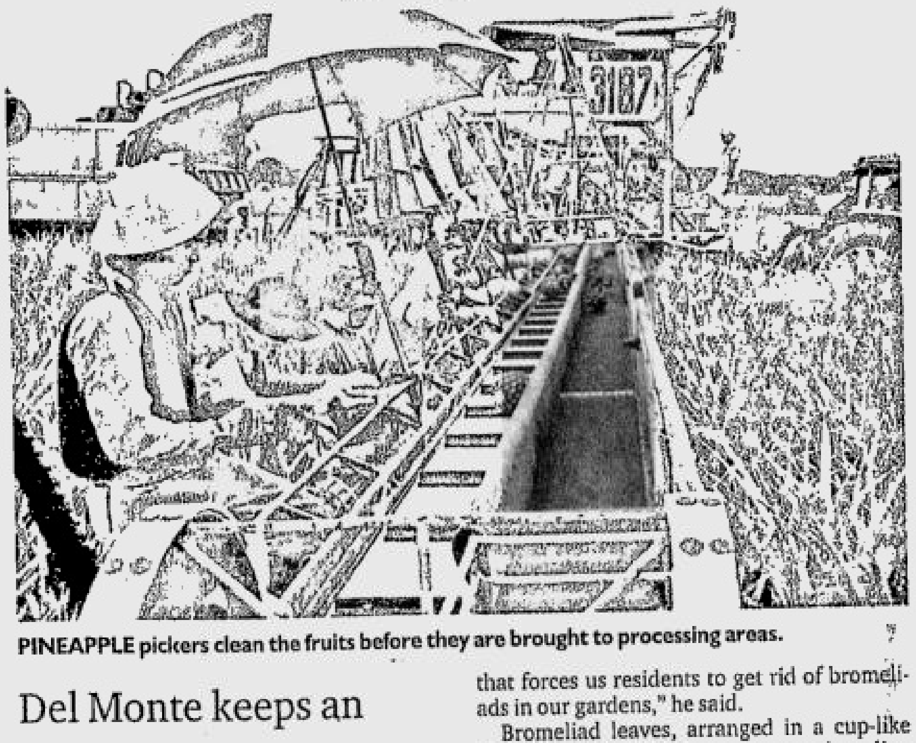
Right now, Pimentel is in charge of pineapple breeding experiments. The challenge, he says, is exciting. In private life, he raises garden plants around his cottage at Camp Phillips.

"The climate here is perfect for growing bromeliads, the ornamental kind of pineapple. This is a place where you can find some of the beautiful bromeliads in the country. Unfortunately, there is an anti-dengue campaign that forces us residents to get rid of bromeliads in our gardens," he said.

Bromeliad leaves, arranged in a cup-like shape, unfortunately is a favorite breeding ground of mosquitoes.

By the way, the Del Monte plantation has been in Bukidnon since 1926. It was chosen as a perfect site for growing disease-free pineapples, no doubt because of the favorable climate, water quality and fertile land.

Right now, the sweet pineapples are harvested every day from early morning to 10 p.m. A total of 120 trucks transport the harvest to the various production areas, which include fresh fruit cleaning for the market.



PINEAPPLE pickers clean the fruits before they are brought to processing areas.

Del Monte keeps an instructive showcase of various varieties in the world of the plant with many eyes

MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH *pastillas de leche*

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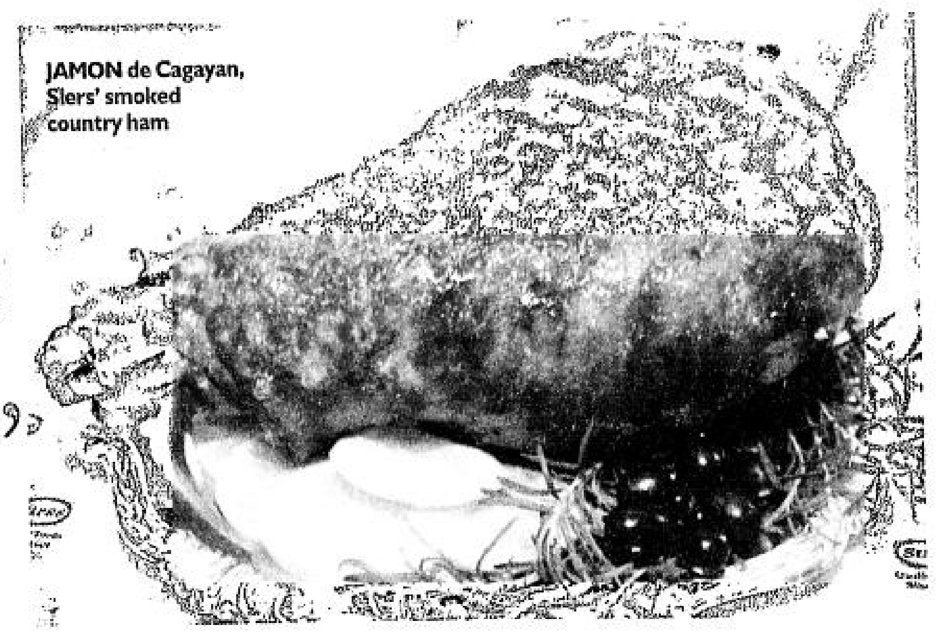
SLERS' Litlit P. Mejia

'Pasalubong' from CDO



JAMON de Cagayan, Slers' smoked country ham

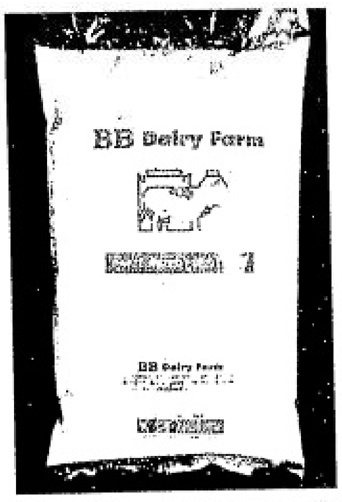
Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Rudy Esperas

FREQUENT travelers to Cagayan de Oro know exactly what the city is famous for in terms of what to bring home to family and friends.

It's ham and *pastillas de leche*.

Yes, never leave CDO without a bag or two of the famous Jamon de Cagayan from Slers Deli at Velez corner Del Pilar Streets. The smoked glazed ham is the most popular *pasalubong* from this town.

"It's been three decades now since we first introduced the ham, and people still patronize our products," says Mercedes "Litlit" Pelaez Mejia, president of Slers Industries Inc. and daughter of Fely Pelaez, the founder of Slers.



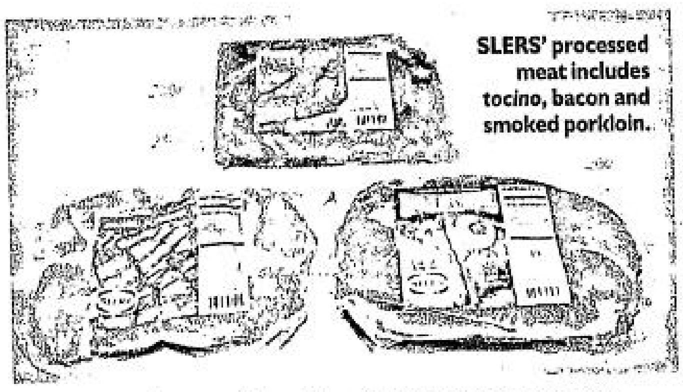
BB FARM'S pasteurized fresh milk

Slers, an acronym of the names of Fely's children Shirley, Litlit, Earl, Rey and Sharon, started as a personal culinary endeavor in 1969, when Fely learned to prepare smoked country ham in her home in Del Monte, Bukidnon. Her husband used to work for the then American-owned Del Monte Plant in Bukidnon. As a housewife, she'd always wanted to create new dishes and recipes for the family.

The ham eventually became popular among family and friends, who'd buy it for *noche buena*.

Later, word spread about it, so what started as a small hobby became a cottage industry, and later a family corporation, which also sold the ham in Cagayan de Oro, Iligan City, and now at Rustan's Food to go section in Manila.

Aside from producing quality foods, Slers is also involved in food education. It is a leading advocate for the adoption of food safety and quality-assurance procedures by the food industry in the Philippines. It is the first to provide the public with seminars and workshops to encourage personnel hygiene and safe food preparation.



SLERS' processed meat includes *tocino*, bacon and smoked porkloin.

Slers also benchmarked its packaging with foreign-food products and invested in a vacuum packaging machine. This has enabled the food processor to produce processed meats with quality and packaging comparable to expensive imported products.

Aside from smoked Jamon de Cagayan, which is sold for P550/kg, Slers also sells other processed meat products such as *longganisa* de Cagayan (P120/ 400 g), *tocino* (P90/ 400 g); smoked country bacon (P130/ 400 g); and smoked porkloin (P132/ 400 g).

Slers Deli, with tel. (088) 8551438, is open every day.

Sweet and creamy

On the busy street of JV Serina stands the BB Farms factory outlet, where melt-in-your-mouth *pastillas de leche* and fresh milk are prepared fresh for travelers to bring back home.

The *pastillas* are individually packaged in white cutout wrappers and packed by bunch in a transparent plastic. The pasteurized milk is also neatly packed in transparent plastic.

BB Farms, with tel. (088) 8584402, is owned by husband-and-wife team Bong and Beng Pelaez. The couple owns a ranch in Libona, Bukidnon, where the fresh milk comes from.

"We do the milking morning and afternoon and produce about 400 liters a day," says Beng. "But we make the *pastillas* from the afternoon's milk since we couldn't sell the milk fresh anymore to customers."

From the raw milk in the farm, the pure milk is brought to the Pelaez house and cooked in a stove.

"We simply mix the pure milk with sugar and let it evaporate and get the solid part," says Beng.

The *pastillas de leche* is being sold at P60 a pack under the brand name Highland Fresh.

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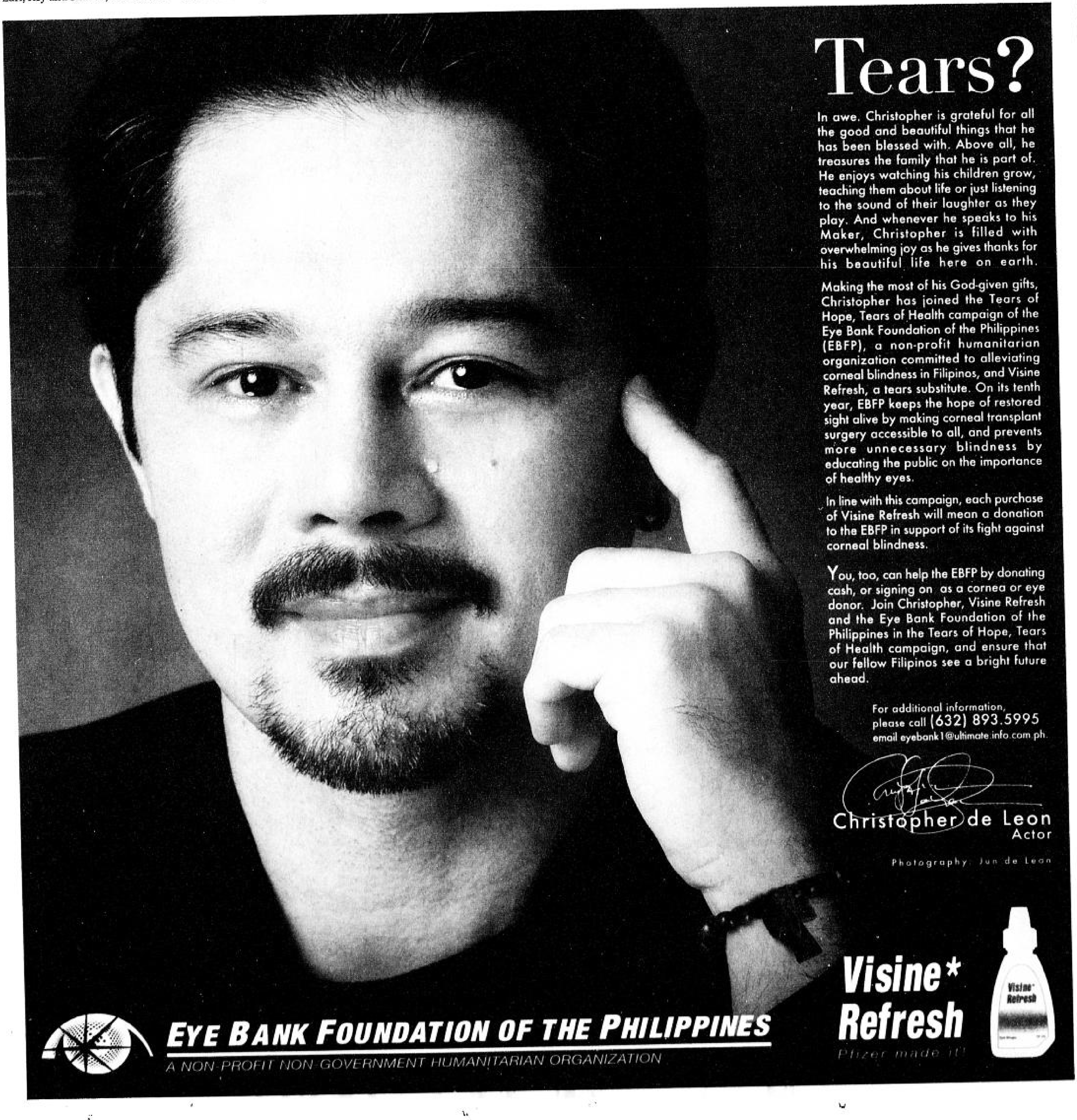

Tears?

In awe. Christopher is grateful for all the good and beautiful things that he has been blessed with. Above all, he treasures the family that he is part of. He enjoys watching his children grow, teaching them about life or just listening to the sound of their laughter as they play. And whenever he speaks to his Maker, Christopher is filled with overwhelming joy as he gives thanks for his beautiful life here on earth.

Making the most of his God-given gifts, Christopher has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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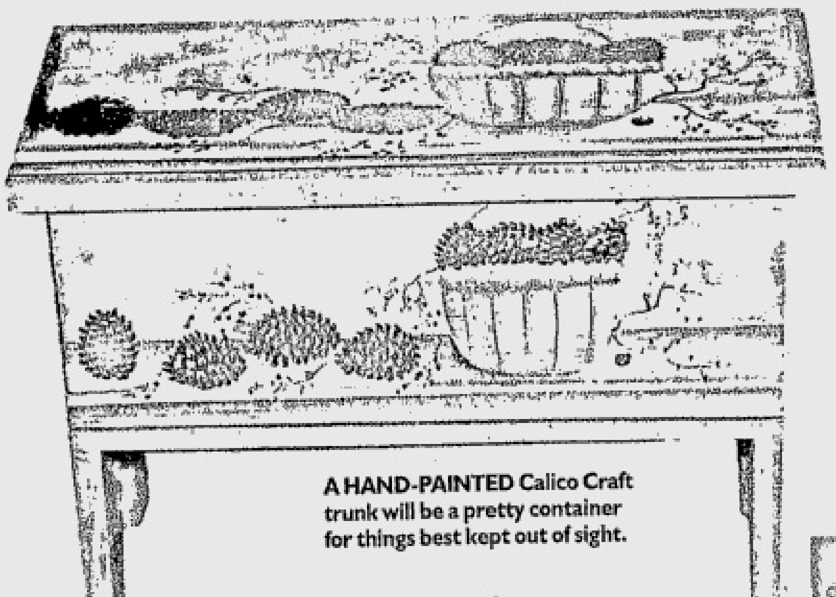


A HAND-PAINTED Calico Craft trunk will be a pretty container for things best kept out of sight.

GEORGE Gamboa of Oro Earthen Crafts, armed with pottery-making skills from Pangasinan and Pampanga, makes home decorative items for southern clients.

SUSAN M. Bacarro, owner of Calico Craft, with her son

Three shops, countless treasures

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Rudy Esperas

AS FAR as home décor and accessories are concerned, SM City Cagayan de Oro is very much a melting pot of styles, of tradition and modern preferences.

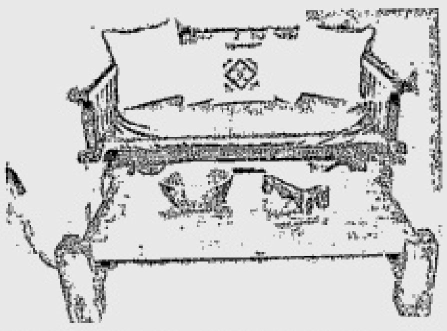
With just three of SM's tenants—Calico Crafts, Oro Earthen Crafts and Ming Antique Collections—people building a new house or just wanting to give a fresh look to an old one already have a pretty broad range of options.

Calico Crafts, owned by Susan M. Bacarro, is totally "country," the place for people wanting a romantic look for their residence or vacation home. The shop got its name from Bacarro's earlier interest in fabrics and sewing that launched her business.

She is not much into needlework these days, but the shop still carries some family handiwork, her husband Bernard's wooden picture frames. It is also an outlet for products of craftsmen and artisans in the city as well as neighboring areas featuring items like lacy picnic hampers, hand-painted wooden stools, lamps with floral shades, pretty needle and thread cases.

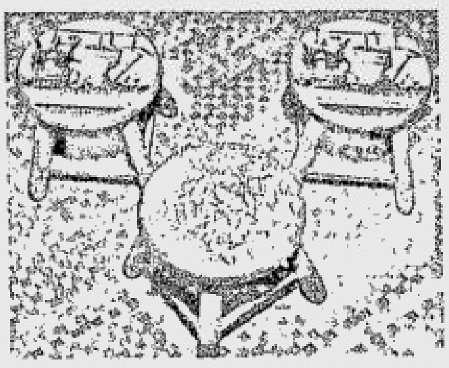
George Gamboa, who comes from a family with a long tradition in pottery-making in Pangasinan and Pampanga, brought the skills he learned in the north to Cagayan de Oro. His Oro Earthern Crafts is not only a showcase of well-crafted ceramic pieces, but also of Gamboa's newly discovered flair for innovative furniture designs. The furniture items combine wood, bamboo, rattan and other indigenous materials.

Despite its name, Ming Antique Collections is not just about old stuff. Proprietor H. S. Rihamna Usman Arumpac has a wide array of items that Maranao households need whether for day-to-day activities or ceremonial events. Her antique pieces are mainly brass ornaments, and the malong she sells are primarily of Maranao design. Arumpac says, though Cagayan de Oro has a very small Muslim population, business is brisk as Muslims from neighboring areas or even visitors patronize her place.

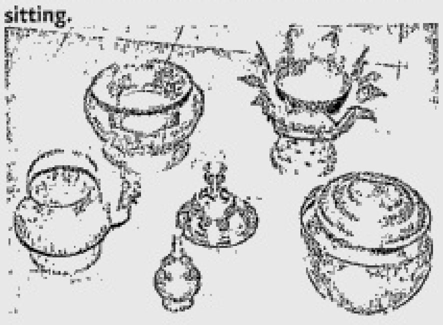


ORO Earthen Crafts complements its furniture pieces with its own pottery.

H. S. RIHAMNA Usman Arumpac's Ming Antique Collections carries ceremonial items for Maranao events.



HAND-PAINTED stools seem too pretty for sitting.



BRASS pieces at Ming Antique Collections

AN ELEGANT lamp's ceramic jar base features a design from northern cultural groups.

Wooden picture frames at Calico are made by Bacarro's husband, Bernard.

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PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo FITTING FOOD

ACROSS
1 Emissary
11 It's observed on Oct. 24
16 Novelist O'Brien
20 #1 Jimmy Dorsey hit
21 Gallows loop
22 Gumbo, e.g.
23 "Essays of Elia" author's favorite food?
25 Sailor's saint
26 Architect Saarinen
27 Prefix with hazard
28 Very, very long time
30 Amiens article
31 More sickening
34 Jazz trumpeter's favorite food?
38 CD- — drive
39 Have the nerve
41 Actress Basinger
42 Reel deposit
43 Esau's father
46 Wyle and Webster
49 Miserly tip
52 Chip's chum
53 1983-90 Mets player's favorite food?
57 A mean Amin
58 Sonar spot
59 Take care of the matter
62 Twofold
65 St. — (French resort)
68 Puccini heroine
71 Brawls in the family
72 Alf and Mork, e.g.
73 "Lasher" novelist's favorite food?
76 Pro-learning org.
77 See 100-Across
79 Singer Shore
80 Adherents: Suffix
81 Celebrity
82 Some Muslims
84 Supper, say
86 Confucian ideal
88 Ex-Harlem Globe-trotter's favorite food?
96 Was in arrears
98 Clock or cat lead-in
99 La — (Milan opera house)
100 With 77-Across, "The Ring" star
101 "Oliver Twist" villain
103 Reindeer relative
105 Chuck Barris game show prop
107 Colony critter
108 "Criminal" singer's favorite food?
113 Moon of Uranus
116 Seattle-to-Vegas dir.
117 Be a yenta
118 Daily grind
119 "— Three Lives"
120 "— deal!"
122 "To Tell the Truth" panelist's favorite food?
130 Cotillion honorees
131 Tuna net
132 Post cereal
133 Haagen-Dazs alternative
134 Glorify
135 City in western CA

DOWN
1 Cable chan. for old films
2 — -jongg (144-tile game)
3 Bikini part
4 Buenos —
5 Corporation concern
6 Be furious
7 They didn't win
8 Costa — Sol
9 — daily basis
10 "First Blood" tough guy
11 Take out of ready mode, as a gun
12 Osaka drama
13 — -wop music
14 In accordance with
15 "Answer — no"
16 Suffix with journal
17 Specific cost
18 3 or III, e.g.
19 Early Christian
24 Recycling receptacle
29 Home to JFK Airport
31 Latticelike pattern
32 Painter Bonheur
33 Poet Khayyam
34 City near Detroit
35 Camouflage
36 Arab royal
37 Until now
40 Putrefy
44 Seed coat
45 Film dancer Charisse
47 Golfer Sutton
48 Those who swap
50 "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" role
51 Gaze at
54 Outline in clear detail
55 Org. with lodges
56 Mutt's pal
60 Seed of invention
61 Paul I, e.g.
62 Mountain — (soft drinks)
63 Provo locale
64 "Casablanca" song
66 TV's "Sanford —"
67 Island garland
69 Liquid overflow
70 Sue Grafton's "— for Corpse"
73 Dog detective
74 "Today — man"
75 Concerning
78 Linked (with)
81 Soft drink
83 Old Tokyo
85 Dog breeders' org.
87 Actress Blyth
89 Sob
90 Hang laxly
91 "Do Ya" band, briefly
92 Decimal part of a logarithm
93 Colt color
94 All: Prefix
95 Gyro bread
96 Illegally ahead of the puck
97 Wasp- — (narrow around the middle)
102 Doze
104 Corn bit
106 Peri of "Frasier"
109 Surfaced
110 Glassware material
111 Alehouse
112 Roman roads
114 Arctic birds
115 Brick clay
121 Burro
123 Gain a lap
124 Yoko —
125 Car club abbr.
126 Diarist Anais
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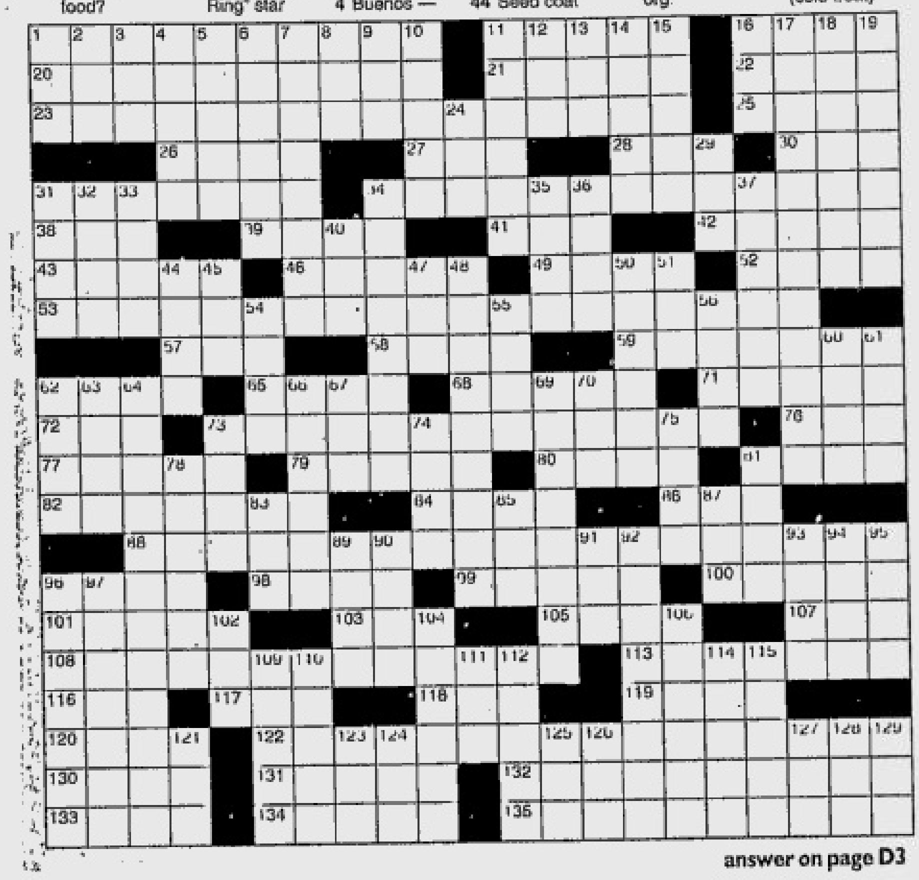
129 — -Cone (cold treat)



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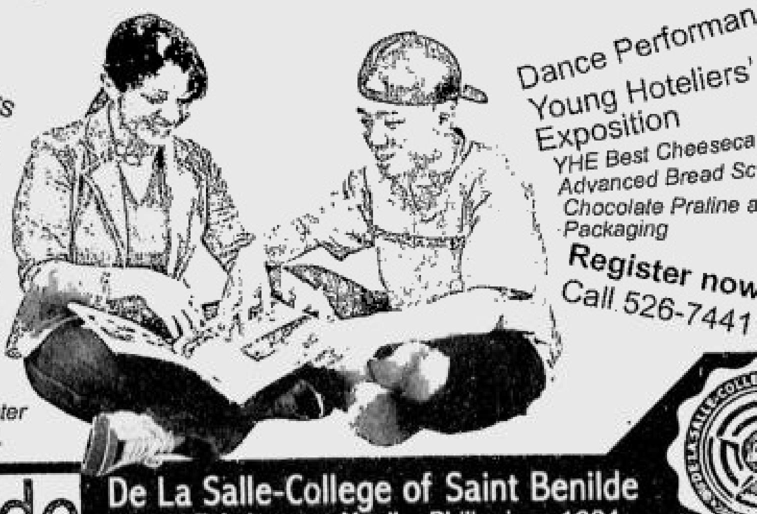

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Mindanao's own gold coast

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have come upon their names via different routes. Cagayan Province reportedly got its name from the Ilocano word carayan or big river. On the other hand, historical accounts have two versions of how Cagayan de Oro got its name.

Tommy C. Pacana, chair of the city's historical commission, says, before the arrival of the Spaniards in 1521, the place was known as Kalambaguhan, which was also the name of the river that has since been renamed Cagayan. Presumably, the name was derived from the lambago trees that lined the riverbanks.

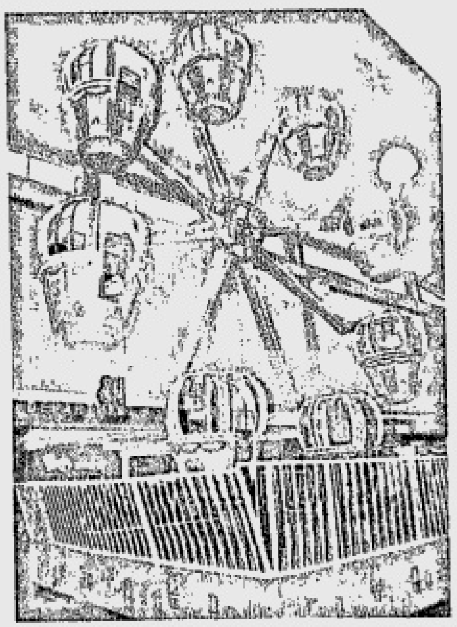
According to Pacana, pre-war folks said the name Cagayan was derived from cagaycay, an ancient Bukidnon word that meant to rake the earth with one's bare hands or with a piece of wood. The word also meant rocks gathered from the river or ores raked from the hillside or streams.

And gold was reportedly one of those things one could rake from the river and other places in what would become Cagayan de Oro. Pacana says gold has always been abundant in the Cagayan River, and the precious metal is still found in several places in the city and nearby areas.

Another version gives the city's name a more romantic origin. In this alternative "history," a young prince fell for the daughter of his father's enemy, who ruled on the other side of the river, across from them. When the prince decided to marry the princess despite the animosity between their families, his father reportedly left their old settlement by the river, vowing never to return to what he would call Kagayha-an—in Bukidnon, a place of shame.

Cagayan de Oro got its charter as a city in 1950 by virtue of Republic Act No. 521 signed by then President Elpidio Quirino. The charter was sponsored by then Congressman Emmanuel Pelaez, who would later become Vice President of the Philippines.

THE FACADE of SM City Cagayan de Oro



RIDES in different parts of SM City give parents a respite from energetic young kids.

Gateway

The city, even before the arrival of the Spaniards, had always been the gateway to many parts of northern Mindanao. Its sea and air ports are the main access to Iligan City, Lanao del Norte, Bukidnon, the island province of Camiguin and other points in between and around them.

But a visitor need not rush to his or her main destination upon arrival in Cagayan de Oro. The city has its share of attractions that should keep a visitor occupied for a day or two, or even a few weeks, as many foreigners who discover the Malasag Eco-tourism Village and Gardens end up doing. The village features some of the cultural communities in the region, a small aviary and an interesting trekking path, among others.

Cagayan de Oro also has caves and waterfalls and an adventure park. The city has a white-water rafting course that is navigable year-round. The less adventurous can always opt for the beaches or a few rounds of golf. For a more spiritual journey, there is in nearby Bukidnon both the new and old churches in the sprawling monastery of the Benedictine Order, which is also known for its Monk's Blend coffee. Along the way is the Del Monte pineapple plantation and canning factory, which recently launched new cooking and baking products.

Trading post

As gateway to northern Mindanao, Cagayan de Oro inevitably became a major trading center, a position that fired the locals' entrepreneurial spirit. The Del Monte Pineapple plantation and its erstwhile expatriate community planted the seeds that became Slers, a family-owned business venture whose flagship product and a popular "pasalubong" purchase of out-of-town visitors, the smoked ham, was adapted from a favorite of the Americans at the canning factory.

The Stoneware Pottery, Inc., using German technology and clay imported from Europe, produces export-quality handmade pottery pieces while the Northern Mindanao Federation of Dairy Cooperatives, tutored by a Dutch consultant, is the only one in the Philippines that produces gouda cheese. It also has other dairy products. Under the label Highland Fresh, BB Dairy, a cooperative member, also produces milk and *pastillas*.

The arrival of SM City Cagayan de Oro some three years ago helped to further strengthen the city's position as a commercial hub, drawing people from an even broader radius, including Lanao del Sur and Misamis Occidental.

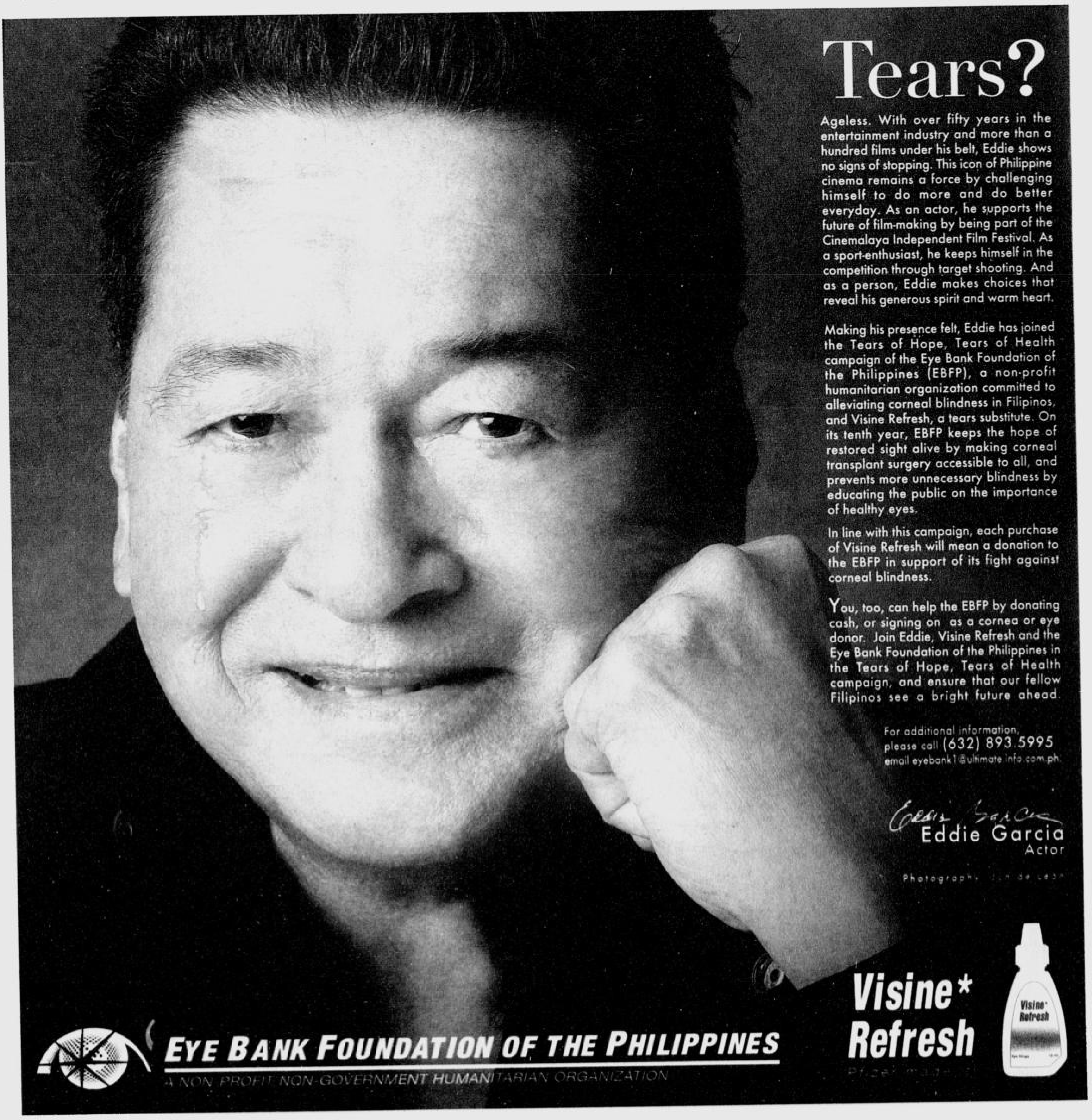
H. S. Rihamna Usman Arumpac, for instance, opened her Ming Antique Collections at the SM City, offering authentic Maranao personal and home accessories, as well as ceremonial items though Cagayan de Oro has a very small Muslim population compared to some of its neighbors. But Arumpac says she is doing brisk business with Maranao out-of-towners, even people visiting from abroad or returning after work stints overseas.

Merry mix

As in other places where it has opened, the SM City features familiar "faces" but also provides visitors a tantalizing glimpse of what its host has to offer. Its tenants are a merry mix of regular SM clients from north to south, as well as homegrown enterprises that demonstrate that there is a lot of innovativeness, creativity and good business sense in Cagayan de Oro.

The supermarket of the 5.9-ha SM City along Fr. Mastersons corner Gran Villa Street showcases Mindanao's fresh produce and other food products, while local-based restaurants like the Roadhouse Café that offers East-West fusion dishes, Mandarin Tea House and Bigby's, which has now branched out of Mindanao, offer refreshing new adventures for the taste buds.

Calico Crafts delights with its pretty and romantic hand-made décor and accessories with flowers and laces for country houses, while Oro Earthen Crafts blends vintage northern pottery skills and the art of modern furniture-making.



Tears?

Ageless. With over fifty years in the entertainment industry and more than a hundred films under his belt, Eddie shows no signs of stopping. This icon of Philippine cinema remains a force by challenging himself to do more and do better everyday. As an actor, he supports the future of film-making by being part of the Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival. As a sport-enthusiast, he keeps himself in the competition through target shooting. And as a person, Eddie makes choices that reveal his generous spirit and warm heart.

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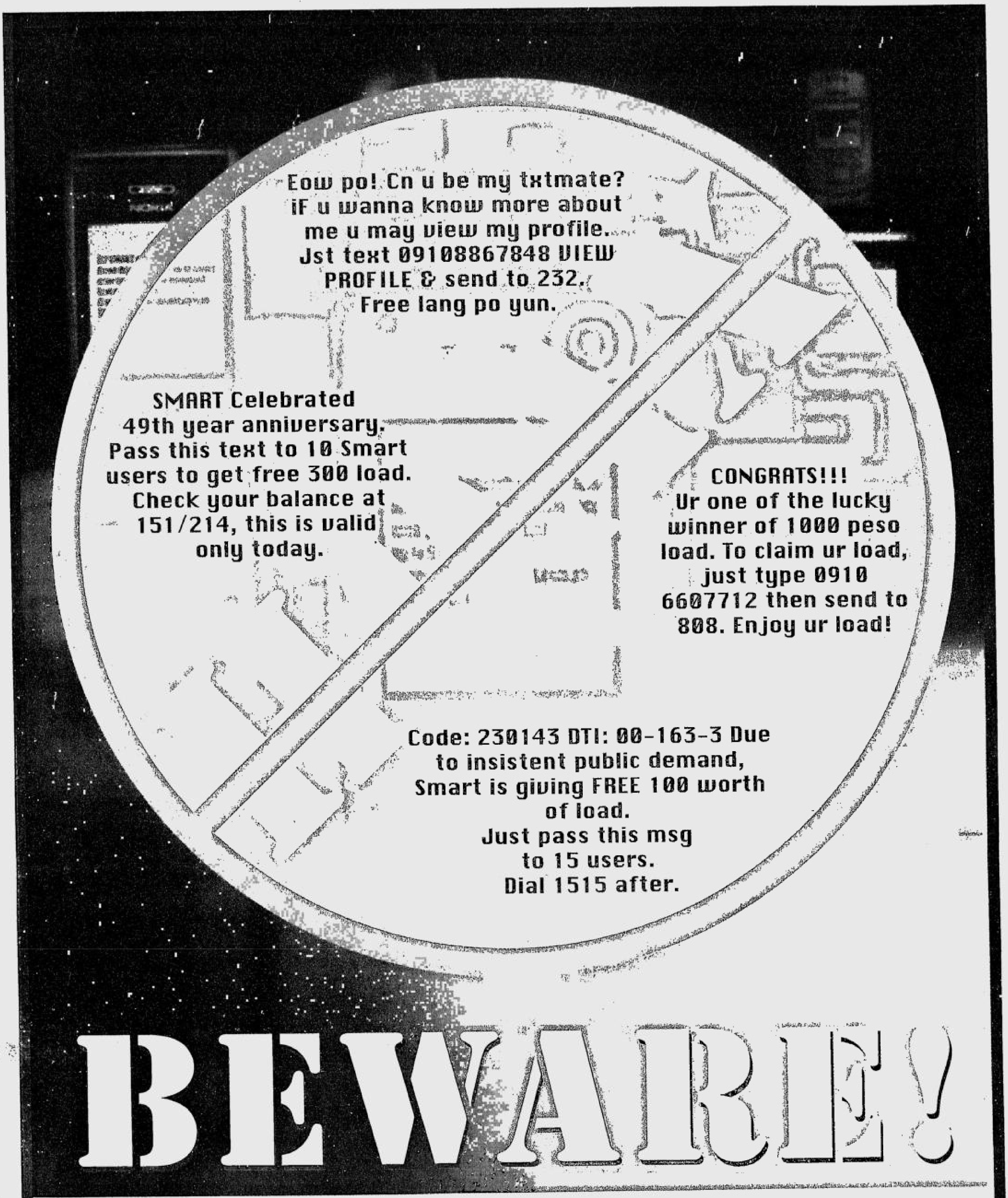

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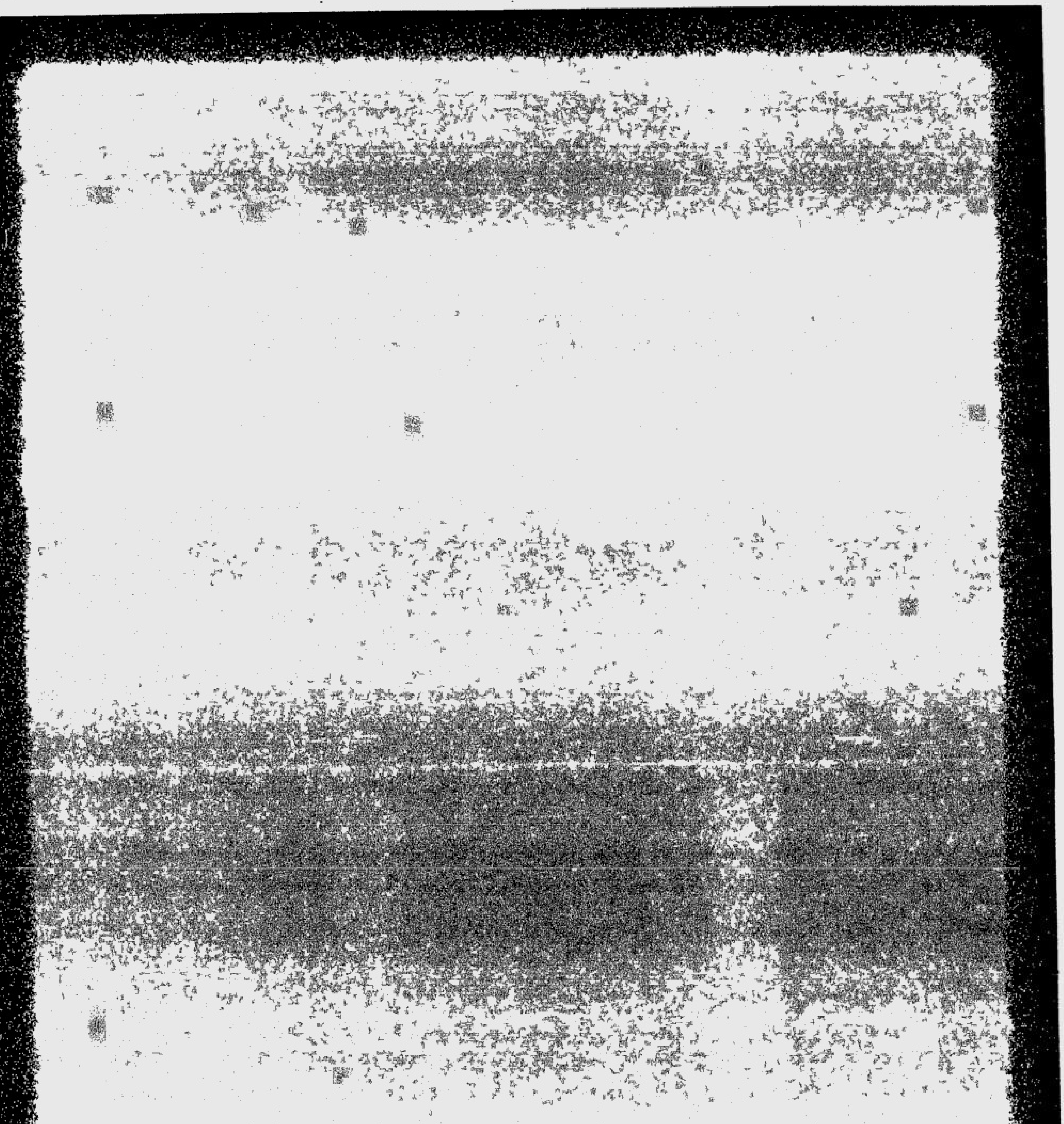

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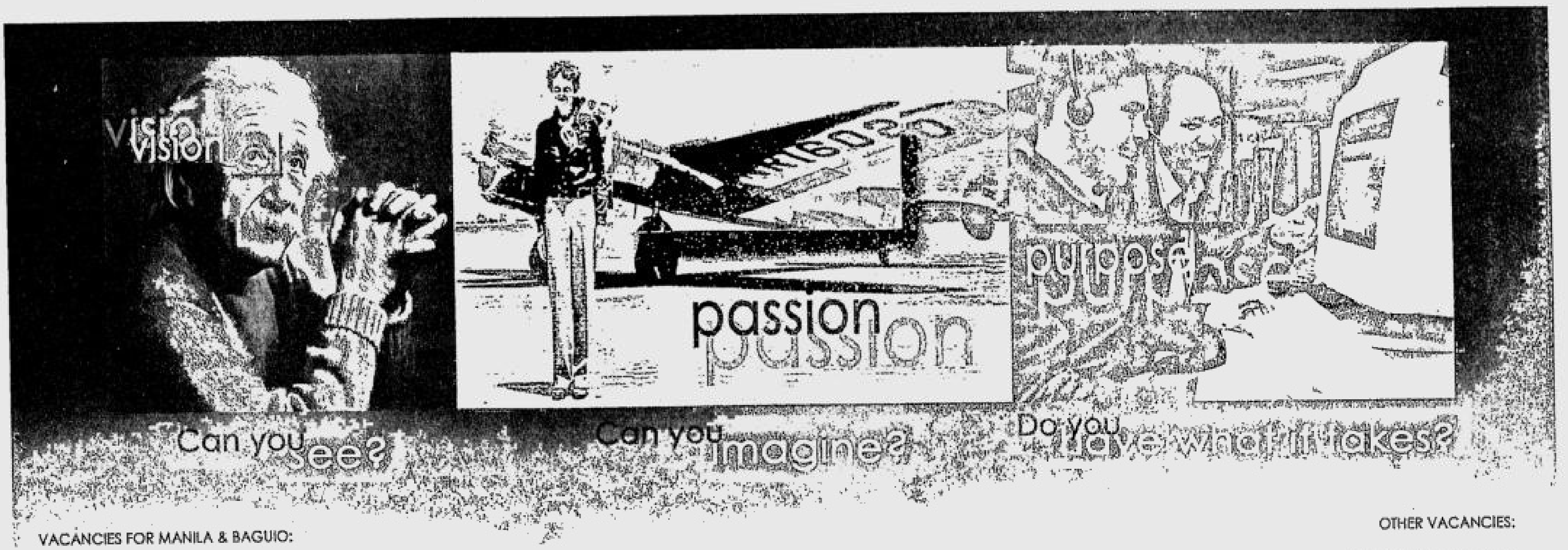
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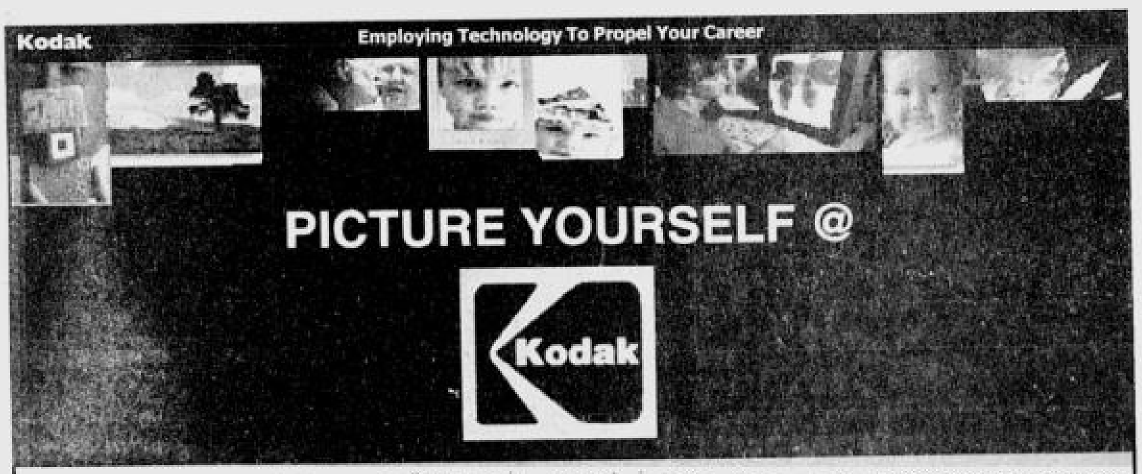

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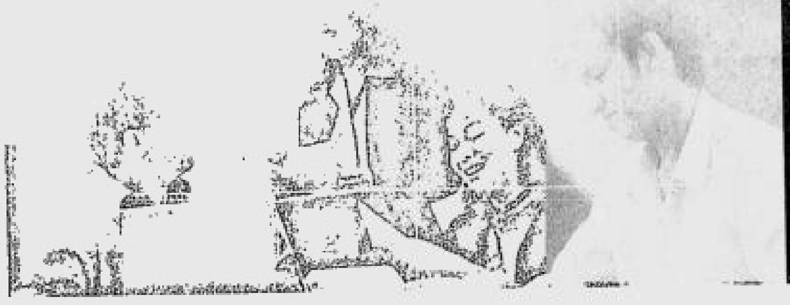

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The Population Advisor will advise the Commission on Population on policy and programmatic issues and give strategic directions for the implementation of the population component of the GTZ health program. She/He will be responsible for supporting the Commission on Population in reaching the objectives and results pertaining to the Population unit of the GTZ health program, that is: *Establish Local Government Units (LGU) / Inter-Local Health Zones (ILHZ)-based population programs through the following strategies: (i) Installing Population and Development planning approach (ii) Improving Youth access to information and services for SRH (iii) Develop, modify or adapt models on RH services/centers focusing on youth.*

To attain the objectives, she/he will work in close collaboration with PopCom national and regional level (Eastern-Visayas) and appropriate units of the DOH. She/He will coordinate closely with the GTZ Decentralization program, especially regarding population and development activities. She/He will coordinate with the Local Health System Development (LHSD), Policy, Social Health Insurance and Pharmaceutical components of the GTZ Health program.

Qualifications: The advisor will have at least a masteral degree in public health, demography, or economics and a solid background in population issues and social sciences. Work experience with government at the policy level and field experience are a must. The advisor will have strong analytical and writing skills, and have excellent oral communication skills. The person should be able to work with minimal guidance and be able to adapt to the existing team spirit of GTZ at central level.

Duration of the position: September 2005 – September 2008.

Location and Reporting: The population advisor based in the PopCom/Mandaluyong Office and will report directly to the GTZ health program manager. His/her immediate counterpart is the Executive Director of PopCom.

Interested applicants can submit their letter of interest and curriculum vitaé (mail/e-mail) to **DR. CLAUDE BODART**, Program Manager, 2F Bldg. 3, DOH Compound, Tayuman St. Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila not later than August 15, 2005 (gtz.healthpro@pacific.net.ph)

UNDP

The Small Grants Programme for Operations to Promote Tropical Forestry in Southeast Asia (SGP PTF) is inviting applicants for the position of

Regional Programme Coordinator

to be based in the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) in Los Baños, Laguna. The programme is fully funded by the European Commission (EC) and is being implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the SEARCA. SGP PTF will run until December 2007 and is currently implementing in eight (8) countries, namely : Philippines, Thailand, Pakistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Cambodia.

The Regional Programme Coordinator is responsible for the overall management of the SGP PTF and coordination and support of the country programmes, specifically :

1. Ensuring close coordination between UNDP, EC and SEARCA
2. Achievement of agreed annual work plans and indicators, as defined in the current Project Document (log frame) and subsequent annual work plans
3. Overall management of country programme implementation, including supervision of substantive work of the PTF coordinators; decision on country allocations; responding to country-level inquiries and requests for assistance; and providing direct field technical assistance and / or facilitating access to technical resources
4. Ensuring the timely collation and submission to UNDP and EC Philippines of all substantive technical and administrative reports as detailed in grant agreement No. ASI/B7-6201/1B/99-0158. In addition, duties will include close follow-up on requests for fund replenishment.
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9. Ensuring the visibility of the EC's Tropical Forest Projects and carry out information exchange and awareness-raising activities on the experience gained and any new technology developed by the grant projects
10. Reviewing annually the performance of the PTF Coordinators, the Regional Office Manager and the Programme Assistant as a basis for decisions on contract renewal
11. Working closely with UNDP Country Offices, PTF Coordinators and EC Philippines in the continuous review and improvement of programme management and administrative procedures at country level
12. Ensuring close liaison with UNDP Philippines on programme administration issues, including financial monitoring, contracts and personnel
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14. Identifying global level tasks requiring consultant / specialist support, drawing up Terms of Reference (TORs) and managing these assignments

Qualifications :

1. Advanced (at least Master's degree) degree in environment, natural resource management and development-related fields
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All application letters and comprehensive resumes should reach our office on or before 26 August 2005. Address applications to the Development Support Services Center, United Nations Development Programme, 30th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue corner Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue 1226 Makati City (via courier) or P.O. Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City (via airmail), tel. nos. (63 2) 901 0100.

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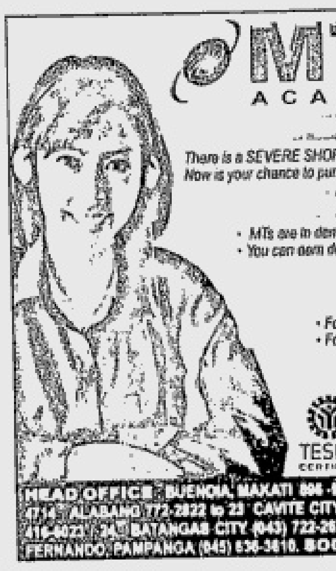

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EVENTS SERVICES OFFICER Coordinates specific requirements of events with other departments to ensure efficient delivery of service./ Ensures settlement of all financial obligations by the clients and proper and efficient ingress and egress of clients' equipment and properties. /Conducts briefing for clients and their contractors to ensure clarity and adherence to rules, regulations and policies. / Reviews estimates of charges as well as the final estimate of expenses to ensure proper billing to clients. / Prepares and explains contract provisions to clients and discusses provisions and obligations for their proper implementation. / Prepares Terminal Reports./ Ensures repeat business by maintaining good working relationship with clients./ Assists the Marketing Division in promoting facilities, packages and other programs thru client calls and blitzes. /Ensures smooth flow of operations by implementing an efficient Account Status Trace System.		
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- Fluent in Filipino and English. Knowledge of foreign language is an advantage but not required.
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We have records and proofs of Immigrant Visas issued by the Canadian Embassy to our clients monthly. We believe that we are the only consultancy firm that can provide this much luxury to clients.

We have offices in Canada that assist our numerous clients settle down to a new life in one of the richest countries in the world.

We have been employing a licensed Canadian lawyer for over ten years, even before the Canadian government passed their law about Authorized Immigration Representatives.

ClientLogic Philippines, Inc.

Clientlogic, having served customers for over 30 years is considered one of the leading international provider of integrated customer management solutions. Clientlogic has its headquarter in Nashville, Tennessee, and has 55 facilities throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

Still in the phase of expansion, Clientlogic has found its way to the heart of Southeast Asia to a country also known as the third largest English speaking nation in the world, the Philippines. Filipinos, the locals, not only speak the language well but also understand the American Culture too, attributed to the American occupation during the 1900's. The Filipino workforce boasts of a literacy rate of 94.6% of the total population. This is among the highest in the world. Definitely a wise investment for Clientlogic and a good transition and affiliation for the Philippines.

Convergys Corporation

Convergys Corporation, the world's largest call center and cites as one of America's Most Admired Companies by Fortune Magazine for consecutive years, is a multinational organization employing over 60,000 people in 57 customer contact centers and other offices in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

We serve Fortune 500 companies around the world in telecommunications, internet, cable and broadband services, technology, financial services, and other industries in more than 60 countries. We are the global leader in integrated billing, employee care, and customer care service. Our revenues are in excess of US$2.3 billion.

Convergys is now in the Philippines. In 2003, we began operations with two contact centers. This year, we are committed to aggressively expanding our operations. By the end of 2004, we will have four more centers and available opportunities at all six locations for over 6,000 call center professionals.

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As Daksh grew to become the leader in BPO, there were more than 6000 success stories that were written along with it. Each Dakshite is a success story in itself and you could be one of them.

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eTelecare Global Solutions

As a broader strategy to offer clients location-independent solutions, two pioneers in the outsourcing business, eTelecare International and Phase 2 Solutions, are now doing business as eTelecare Global Solutions, Inc.

eTelecare International, the world's most honored call center company and the largest based in Asia, was one of the leaders in outsourcing customer service functions to the Philippines. Since 2000, eTelecare has been a top-performing provider of technical support, sales and customer service programs for Fortune 100 clients in the consumer electronics, financial services, consumer products, and travel and leisure sectors. eTelecare's offerings range from standard inbound customer service to expert enterprise-level technical support and NASD Series 6 and Series 7 licensed mutual funds transactions.

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Jollibee Foods Corporation

Jollibee is one of the Philippines' phenomenal business success stories. Starting in 1975 as a two-branch ice cream parlor, it later expanded its menu to include hot sandwiches and other meals. With encouraging success, Jollibee Foods Corporation was incorporated in 1978 with seven outlets to fully explore the possibilities of a hamburger concept. Thus was born the company that revolutionized the fast food industry in the Philippines.

In 1984, Jollibee reached the P500 million sales mark, catapulting the company into the list of Top 500 Philippine Corporations. In 1987, barely 10 years in the business, the company joined the ranks of the Philippines' Top 100 Corporations. It then became the first Philippine fast food chain to break the P1 billion sales mark in 1989. In 1993, Jollibee became the first food service company to be listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange; thus broadening its capitalization and laying the groundwork for sustained expansion locally and beyond the Philippines.

Jollibee is the country's leading fast food chain. The size, geographic expanse and breadth of the company's operations have grown exponentially - from a handful of Jollibee stores twenty-five years ago to over 400 stores in the Philippines and several international stores in countries like the United States and Hong Kong. It is now an international brand with phenomenal milestones that has made millions of Filipinos proud.

But Jollibee's leadership is not only reflected by market share (the company enjoys more than half of the entire fast food industry); numerous local and global awards attest to this as well.

Sykes Asia

Sykes is a global leader in providing customer contact management solutions and services in the business process outsourcing (BPO) arena. Sykes provides an array of sophisticated customer contact management solutions to Fortune 1000 companies around the world, primarily in the communications, financial services, healthcare, technology, transportation and leisure industries.

Sykes specializes in providing flexible, high-quality customer support outsourcing solutions with emphasis on inbound technical support and customer service. Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, with customer contact management centers throughout the world, Sykes provides its services through multiple communication channels encompassing phone, e-mail, web and chat. Utilizing its integrated onshore/offshore global mode, Sykes serves its clients through two geographic operating segments: the Americas (United States, Canada, Latin America, India and the Asia Pacific Rim) and EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa).

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Teleperformance Philippines

36,900 Computerized workstations from over 179 contact centers, 36 countries, including 11 offshore destinations over a billion contracts handled annually. Diverse client-base of over 2,000 Blue Chip Companies over 25 years of strong and solid presence in the industry.

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TeleTech Customer Care Management Philippines, Inc.

For more than 20 years, TeleTech has managed the customer experience for some of the world's best-known companies. Our focus is on managing business processes and customer interactions that drive an optimal consumer experience. This customer-focused strategy is designed to generate specific results – from new business to increased customer wallet share enhanced loyalty and satisfaction – as well as to contribute to the long-term growth and profitability of our clients.

TeleTech's services are designed to provide timely, consistent service and support throughout the entire customer experience. We manage every interaction with a customer as an opportunity to earn their trust and loyalty.

TeleTech offers solutions to a variety of industries including automotive, commercial, communications and media financial services, government, health care, logistics, retail, information technology, and travel. We have leveraged our extensive industry and business process expertise to cultivate partnerships with market leaders and to apply an innovative approach to the implementation of our customer management solutions.

West Contact Services

West Corporation is a United States Company with call centers located throughout the United States, Canada and Asia. Founded in January 1986, West Corporation has evolved from an inbound telemarketing service bureau to one of the nation's leading providers of customized contact solutions. Today, many of the nation's Fortune 1000 companies rely on West to help them grow their business through superior inbound, outbound, interactive, internet, collections, and conferencing services.

In September 2003, West Corporation decided to open WEST Contact Services, Inc., a state-of-the-art contact center in Manila to support an existing client and for future growth. Production began in February 2004 in Metro Manila premier business district, Makati City. The Manila Facilities currently occupies five floors of the ExportBank Plaza in Buendia Avenue cor Pasong Tamo, Makati City with a total of 900 seats.

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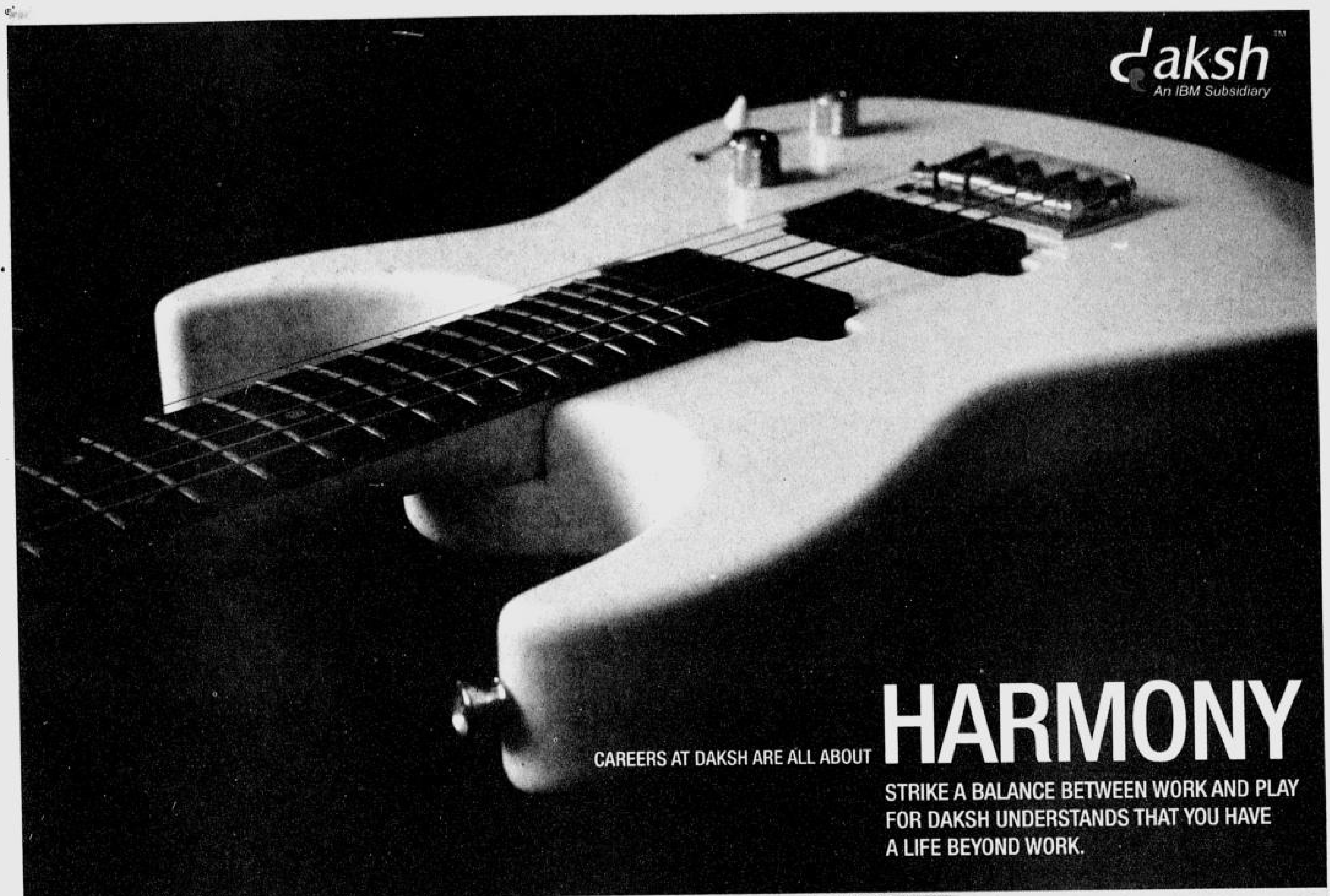

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- Edits stories and designs the layout of newspaper pages

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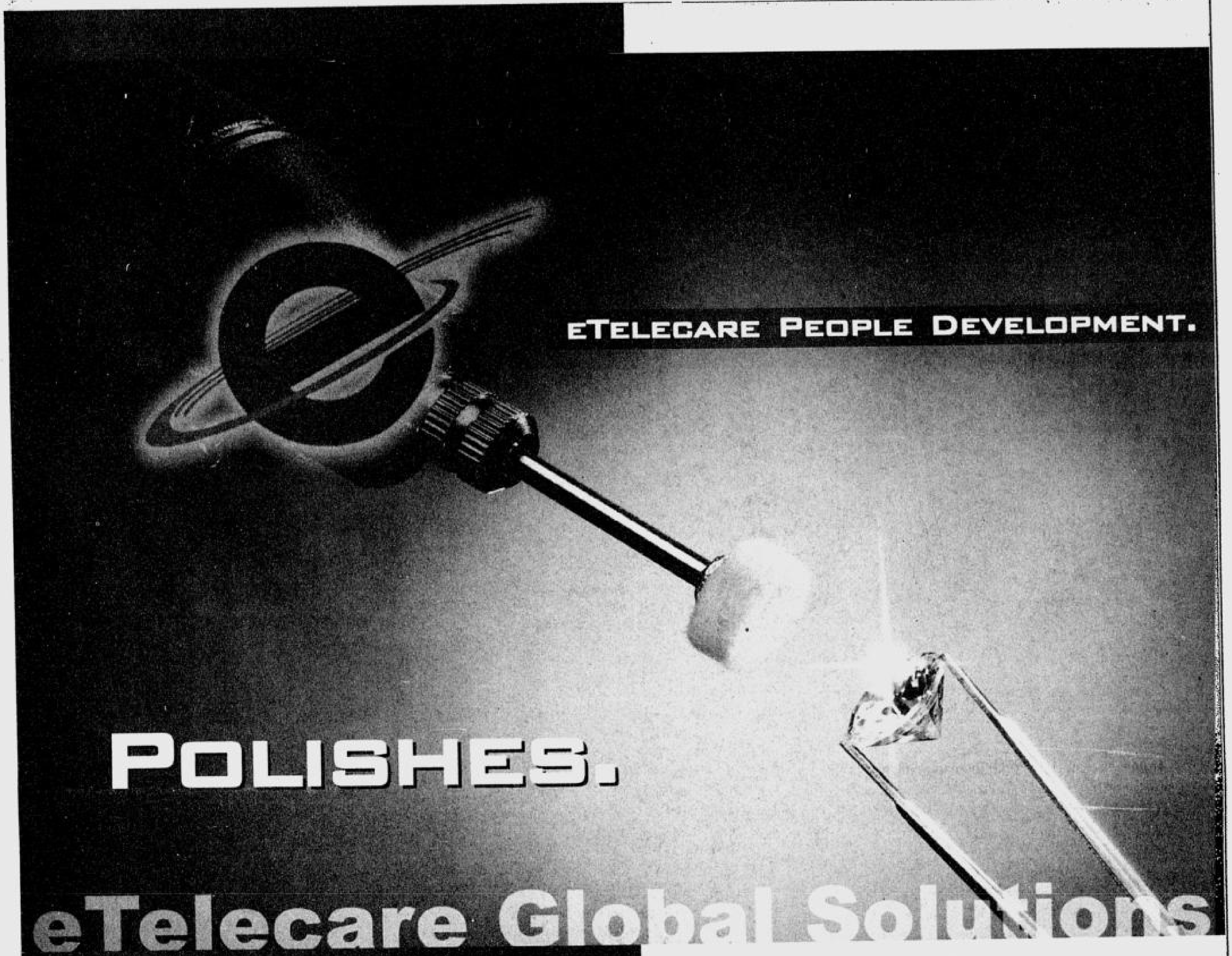

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- ✓ *Willing to travel in provincial and foreign trips, if necessary*

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- ✓ *College degree of any business or medical related course*
- ✓ *With at least 1 year of work experience as Sales / Medical Representative*
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- ✓ *Graduate of Science or Engineering course (Chemistry, Pharmacy, Chemical or Industrial Engineering)*
- ✓ *With intensive work experience in quality functions (Quality control/ assurance inspection)*
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- ✓ *Excellent knowledge of QA/QC theory, principles, practices and techniques*
- ✓ *Good knowledge in GMP/GWP*
- ✓ *Above average communication skills*

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- ✓ *Graduate of Science or Engineering course (Chemistry, Pharmacy, Chemical or Industrial Engineering)*
- ✓ *With at least 2 years of work experience in QC/QA inspection gained from a multinational/ manufacturing company (Pharma, consumer and food manufacturer)*
- ✓ *With GMP/GWP knowledge and ISO experience is an advantage*

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Qualification:
- Graduate of a bachelor's degree with major course work in education, communications, English, or a related field required.
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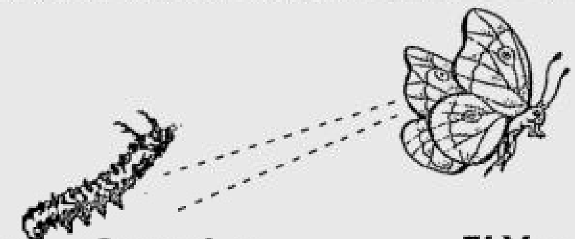

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Responsible for overseeing the implementation of the four-year Maguindanao Tuberculosis Control Project.

- Must either be a Physician, Registered Nurse, or graduate of allied profession. Masters degree in Public Health, preferred.
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- At least three years experience in public health or development work, with solid experience in developing management information systems. Strong background in research, project monitoring, and evaluation preferably in tuberculosis prevention and control program.

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All applicants must also possess the following qualifications:

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- At least 10 year(s) of managerial experience
- Excellent English ability with accurate accent

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- Possess entrepreneurial skills, business and financial acumen, marketing and advertising creative skills

Executive Secretary

Requirements & Qualifications

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IFC-Asenso is currently planning a seaweed sector initiative called SEAPlant.Net program that has been operating in Eastern Indonesia into the Southern Philippines under an Asian Development Bank -funded project focusing on the Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines – East Asian Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA). The SEAPlant.Net initiative is looking to staff the following positions:

1. Business Development Officer (BDO)

Scope of the job: The BDO will be responsible for implementing the SEAPlant.Net program in the Southern Philippines following a similar methodology as that of the Eastern Indonesia program. Qualifications for this position include:

- Graduate qualification (preferably post-graduate) in geography, agriculture or life sciences;
- Practical work experience of working with fishing and coastal communities in a Southern Philippines setting;
- Knowledge of the sea plant sector essential;
- A proven ability to deliver practical training to farmer and coastal groups relating to production and business problems that they face;
- Strong interpersonal skills with a high level of written and oral presentation skills in English;
- Fluent English speaker, regional dialects relevant to the Southern Philippines a distinct advantage (e.g. Filipino, Tausug etc);
- A willingness to travel across the Philippines;
- An ability to work in a team to tight deadlines

2. Business Development Analyst (BDA)

Scope of the job: The BDA will be responsible for working with the BDO in implementing the SEAPlant.Net program, collecting baseline information for monitoring and evaluation purposes. Required skills include:

- Masters Degree (Preferred) in Agriculture – Economics or Marketing focus;
- Knowledge of data collection methods and analysis tools;
- 3-5 years working experience;
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3. Program Assistant (PA)

Scope of the job: The PA will be responsible for assisting the BDO and BDA implement the program and ensuring that program administrative documentation is complete and compliant with IFC-Asenso guidelines. A recent graduate in the field of fisheries or coastal resource management with high computer literacy skills and English language skills would be most suitable.

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Scope of the job: The TA will be responsible for assisting the BDO and PA implement the program from an administrative perspective, ensuring that office administration is kept up to date and that IFC-Asenso procedures are followed. Someone that has worked for an international NGO or donor-funded project with experience in administrative procedures would be most suitable.

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Country Coordinator (CC)

The Country Coordinator will establish and run IFC-Asenso, under the guidance and overall direction of the IFC Country Manager for the Philippines and the General Manager for the IFC-PENSA facility in Indonesia. The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- Experience of managing complex technical assistance programs outside the candidate's home country
- Ability to manage and prioritize several disparate tasks simultaneously with confidence and calm demeanor.
- Experience of living and working in a challenging multi-cultural/multi-ethnic environment and adaptability and sensitivity to local cultural, political and economic issues
- Ability to represent IFC at the highest levels of government and with donor organizations in the region
- Five years of practical emerging market work experience in SME or finance-related support programs, including technical assistance, training or local capacity development
- Demonstrated knowledge of SME issues and the World Bank Group's (and other similar and related agencies) experience and emerging approaches to dealing with the SME sector
- Post-graduate qualifications in finance/business or a related field

Program Manager – Access to Finance (PM ATF)

The Access to Finance Program Manager will initially establish and run a technical assistance program focusing on improving access to finance for SMEs, aimed at establishing and strengthening domestic financial agencies targeted at the SME sector. Qualifications are:

- Leadership, general management and people management skills
- Post-graduate qualifications in the area of finance or banking and membership in recognized professional associations.
- Extensive working experience in financial markets, with a particular focus on private sector SMEs
- A demonstrated knowledge of international 'best-practice' in respect of commercially profitable SME debt, leasing and equity financing
- High-level knowledge of non-traditional SME financial service products, such as credit bureaus, guarantee and other risk mitigation products
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Program Manager – Agribusiness Linkages (PM-ABL)

The Agribusiness Program Manager will initially establish and run a technical assistance program focusing on the areas of seaweed and corn/maize/poultry to develop market opportunities for local people, particularly in Mindanao. Qualifications are:

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Program Manager – Business Enabling Environment (PM-BEE)

The Program Manager (BEE) will establish and run a technical assistance program focusing on improving the enabling environment for SMEs in the Philippines. The qualifications are:

- Post-graduate qualifications in an appropriate discipline (such as development economics, law)
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a multi-disciplinary team environment
- Extensive working experience in the SME policy, legal and regulatory field in emerging markets with focus on high-impact activities

General requirements for the CC, PM-ATF, PM-ABL and PM BEE positions:

- Leadership, general and people management, and team building skills
- Extensive professional working and overseas experience (preferably in the region or developing countries); for PM-BEE also in the Philippines
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Office Administrator and HR Coordinator (OA Manila)

The Office Administrator and HR Coordinator will assist the IFC-Asenso Country Coordinator with recruiting all local staff and will manage and oversee the work of all Manila-based administrative staff. The OA and HR Coordinator should have the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated managerial experience, the ability to quickly grasp the Bank's processes and a commensurate level of maturity in managing diverse office environments
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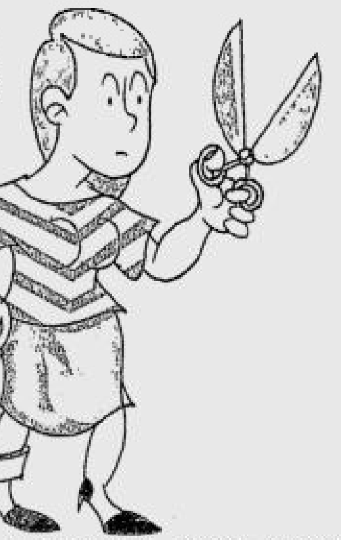
Worker of the decade does the right thing



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WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

I'M starting my 10th year of writing Working Wounded. If my e-mail is any indication, in that time we've seen lots of people laid off, many more feeling underappreciated and the occasional happy worker or executive enjoying their job. From the highs of the dot com boom to the lows of the recession doing business, this decade has been one of the wildest roller coaster rides ever.

I was going to focus my year-end column on a person who made a huge difference at work. But it would be cheating this person to just call her the Worker of the Year. So I'm creating the first Working Wounded Worker of the Decade.

Her name is Natalia Dmitruk. She is a sign language interpreter on the Ukrainian TV channel UT-1 Visti morning news. As you are well-aware, the presidential election in Ukraine was one of the most corrupt of all time, leading the country's top court to declare a do-over.

Ms Dmitruk was signing on the news when the results were announced. She chose to ignore the script about the election going to the government-backed candidate and instead signed the following message:

"The results announced by the Central Electoral Commission are rigged. Do not believe them. Our president is Yushchenko. I am very disappointed by the fact that I had to interpret lies. I will not do it any more. I do not know if you will see me again."

Given the apparent poisoning of opposition candidate Yushchenko, Ms Dmitruk was not being overly dramatic saying that she didn't know if she'd ever be seen again. Word of her actions spread, initially among the hearing impaired, and eventually to everyone in Kiev and around the world.

Following the broadcast, she went outside the TV station to join with many of her colleagues in protesting the election results. By the next day, Ms Dmitruk and her colleagues were once again broadcasting; they'd taken over the station.

For every one of you reading this column who think that your voice is too small and your potential impact inconsequential, think of this Ukrainian sign language interpreter. She could have just gone along with the program, rationalizing that she couldn't have an impact. But instead she took a risk, stood up and made a difference. And it's no different where you work. We all have chances on a regular basis to ask a tough question, to challenge the status quo and to refuse to continue to interpret lies at work. Sure, it's tough and potentially dangerous. But Ms Dmitruk reminds us that just one person doing the right thing can potentially change the course of an entire country.

Remember, even if it appears that no one is listening, people can still read the signs and be motivated by you to do the right thing themselves. After all, work shouldn't be about whining about your wounds, it should be about doing what's required to rise above them.

(Mr. Rosner, an internationally syndicated columnist, author and speaker, is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

How busy people can find time to nourish the soul every day

By Ime Morales Aznar
Contributor

DEADLINES. Toxic. Harassed. Busy. Stress. These words have become so much a part of our everyday lives that some people consider it fashionable or "in" to work in a fast-paced environment. In our society, multitasking is hip, nervous breakdowns are becoming quite common, and more and more doctor visits are caused by stress-related complaints.

Sister Becky Ortega, deputy national coordinator of the Brahma Kumaris Meditation Centers in the Philippines, says that stress is the result of not taking care of the spirit. "Stress is a type of pain, and pain is an indicator that there is something wrong and that something needs to be done to correct the problem," Ortega says. Stress, therefore, tells us that it is time to slow down and devote time to nourish the soul. But with a 14-hour workday, how can we squeeze in some soul-time?

Unhealthy spirit

Ask yourself these five questions:

- Am I able to think clearly all the time?
- Are my relationships healthy and happy?
- Am I emotionally happy?
- Am I able to pass unbiased judgment?
- Are my thoughts and actions unaffected, or very minimally affected, by outside influences (those that come from other people, the media, or other sources)?

If you have a "no" answer, then perhaps you need to take a second look at your spirituality. Pertaining to the last question, Ortega reasons that "if we are influenced by negativity—that comes from prejudice, reaction to people or situations—our decisions and clarity of mind are influenced negatively also."

30-second magic

Busy people often say that they don't have the time to meditate or pray or read the Bible. Perhaps they don't realize that going inward need not become a big production that requires a lot of time and a lot of effort. Ortega offers a solution: "For 30 seconds every hour that you are awake, think spiritually." She urges each one to use this short moment to examine the actions of the past hour, and to plan changes for the next hour. "For the first 59 minutes and 30 seconds, you can think about all your mundane concerns—but if you set aside the remaining 30 seconds for spiritual thoughts, it will make you powerful for the next 59 minutes and 30 seconds," Ortega says with a big smile.

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'My subordinates fear me'

By Josie O. Santamaria

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I THINK I am the reason why I don't have loyal subordinates. The turnover of my direct reports in the department which I head is quite fast. Even the employees reporting to my direct reports are, I think, fearful of me because they suddenly become quiet when I arrive. They stop their conversations and start to busy themselves with their work. A few manage to greet me. No one ever opens up to give his or her ideas during our staff meetings. This is very frustrating for me because I want them to be open so they can express their ideas, if they have any.

Last week, our GM finally told me to do something about my EQ because one of my managers had submitted her resignation effective by the end of this month. We had hired her seven months ago. He told me, with a stern look on his face, that the company spends a big amount of money to hire competent people, only to lose them after a few months. He frankly told me to change my ways and "*gamitin mo ang puso mo.*" I resented what he said because, being my direct boss, he should take my side. Deep inside me, however, I know that he is right.

I am a perfectionist at heart and expect my subordinates to live up to my expectations. I reason out that they benefit from my perfectionism because they learn to do things right the first time. They become quality conscious. When they make mistakes, and especially if they make excuses for them, I have a short fuse. I get angry, say hurting words such as "If you can't do it, I'll ask someone else to do it" or "I'll do it myself if you can't." And perhaps I say other hurting things as well.

Even though I don't get the desired results from my subordinates, and end up doing their work, I deliver the expected results to my boss. This is why he is happy with me and keeps rewarding me with merit increases. To do this, I burn the "midnight oil," so to speak, by staying up late in the office or bringing work home. I'm glad I have no family of my own. At 43, I am still single and live with my parents who are in their 70s. I provide for all their needs and even send my two nephews and three nieces to school.

When my boss told me to do something about my EQ, I bought a book on this subject. However, I decided to write you to seek your advice so you can zero in on my problem.

Ms Low EQ

It's a struggle for you to admit that you are the cause of your problem. In reality, you want to be liked by your subordinates but you don't know how to bring this about. You are right in concluding that your attitudes and your behavior toward your subordinates are the reasons for your problem at work. They are reacting—by silence, passivity during meetings, withdrawal and resignation—to your aggressive behavior.

Since you are the source of your own problem, you are the only one who can solve it. Your boss is right by asking you to do something about your EQ (emotional quotient). A high EQ enables a person, particularly a boss, to build and maintain strong positive relationships with their employees in order to achieve mutually beneficial and agreed-on goals.

EQ dimensions

Dr. Daniel Goleman was the first social scientist to study EQ in organizations and to identify the EQ competencies of "star" performers vs the average ones holding the same positions. The research of the late Dr. David McClelland of Harvard University showed that there is a high positive correlation between EQ and successful job performance.

According to Goleman, EQ has four dimensions: self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, and social skills. Your observations of the behaviors of your subordinates towards you, and your own admission of your own aggressive behaviors show that you have self-awareness. Some people have a big blind spot, i.e., they are not aware of their actions; they do not see how others react to them; they even deny what they see by blaming other people for their own problems.

Triggers to behavior

Part of self-awareness is to know what triggers your aggressive behaviors. Ask yourself: what causes me to say and do what I say and do to my subordinates? These are the stimuli or the antecedents to your aggressive behaviors. This is important to know so that when you go to the third dimension of EQ which is self-management, you will know what antecedent to remove or modify to stop/minimize your negative behaviors. Self-awareness, therefore, refers to our ability to:

1. Know what we do and say to ourselves (such as self-talk), and to others.
2. Identify the stimulus and antecedents to our self-talk and to our behaviors
3. Sense our feelings/emotions aroused by these antecedents.

In your case, seeing mistakes/errors in your subordinates' work, and observing your employees withdraw from or avoid you, or being passive during meetings, trigger your disappointment and anger. You have a mindset that they are not as good as you. When you write "I want them to be open so they can express their ideas, if they have any," reveal your low regard for them.

Empathy

The second dimension of EQ is social awareness. This entails your looking intently at their thoughts and feelings when you behave aggressively towards them, and having empathy for them. This means feeling how they feel if you were in their shoes, if your own boss were to criticize you. Visualize yourself as your subordinate, a college graduate and with work experience, hearing this said to him or her. How would you feel?

After your awareness of the above three factors and your awareness of how others feel and react to your behavior,

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Morale boosters

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

THERE are instances at work when you need to muster all the courage in your guts in order to get something done. Going through a job interview, or asking for a salary raise, for example, or applying for a hefty loan. Also, convincing the boss to entrust an important project to you, or to move you to a position which you think could better utilize your talents. These are some of the instances when uncertainty or fear of rejection almost paralyzes you, resulting in missed opportunities.

When you find yourself in these situations, who or what do you turn to for courage? I've seen some people turn to their past to embolden themselves—seeing their excellent school records and awards in past jobs reassures them that they can make it as before. There are also those who go to "the stars"—consult their favorite *manghuhula* (fortune teller) or astrologer, and plan their moves according to the seers' advice. Still, there are those fortunate lot who have and turn to a supportive family for encouragement in such trying times.

I'd dare say, though, that while all those or other morale boosters do work to a certain extent, turning to Jesus for courage still tops them all. A lively faith in and a faithful dependence on Jesus not only can help you achieve what you want to at work—it can also arm you for the unforeseen circumstances at work and beyond. Fine if you get the job, the raise, the loan, the position you're after; but what if you don't?

The wonderful thing about believing in and following Jesus is it empowers you and keeps you afloat at all times. Despite failures and disappointments you remain unsinkable, standing up and walking on—with Him upon the water, so to speak—and moving on towards the best you can become. Because Jesus is not a ghost—He's for real. (E-mail the author at teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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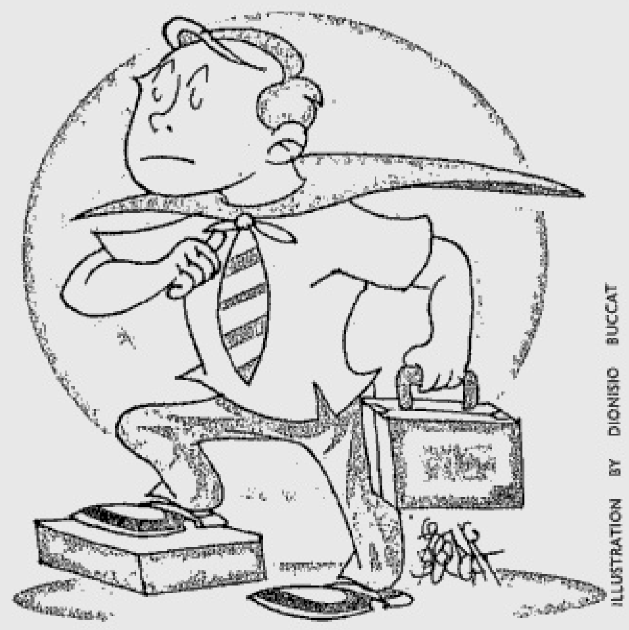

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Gospel: Mat. 14: 22-33

At once (Jesus) spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Fearful worker

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

ONCE I did a typing job in those times when desktop computers were still in the inventor's mind and correcting tapes or fluids were a kind of savior for little typing errors. When I presented the finished document to my boss, I got a scolding when he noticed that the tape was used on a few words. The scolding made me resolve to be very careful in my job, but it also developed in me the fear of committing a mistake or of being a failure in my job. I believe that this experience is common in many workers—working under the pressure of a demanding boss with high expectations and standards giving rise to an oppressive fear of failing.

Working out of fear may produce some good results in doing one's job for a while. But I guess, the fearful worker will not last long. He will eventually succumb to the pressure his fears bear on him. Either he gets sick physically or psychologically, or he performs badly in the long run. While a certain degree of fear will always be present in life, an excessive and unreasonable fear must be eliminated in the workplace. An atmosphere of faith, trust and confidence must be developed in everyone in the workplace.

We do need the efforts to really believe and be aware of Jesus' presence in us as we do our jobs. When we take the needed regular pauses or intervals of rest in work, we can also remind ourselves of Jesus and His assuring words: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Making this mental and faith exercise in our work will slowly melt away all fears and will make us more confident in doing our jobs with excellence. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

How busy people can find time to nourish the soul every day

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couraged, too. "If you start becoming busy at 5 a.m., then get up at 4:45 a.m. to sit down and plan your day—what you will do to become happy today and what qualities you need to bring out to face the challenges ahead," Ortega explains.

Spirituality at work

Spirituality is a happy heart, a peaceful mind, and a loving, respectful relationship with oneself and the people around us. At work, we can exercise spirituality by "exchanging positive energies" with the people we interact with. "Positive energies are exchanged by showing respect and appreciation," Ortega shares. Appreciation empowers people because it is a positive and energy-generating act. When we appreciate others, it gives them good feelings.

According to Ortega, we can also exhibit spirituality when we show genuine concern for the people we work with, by asking them how they are for example, and by not shouting at our subordinates—because it's truly important to treat each person with respect. How we say things is also equally important as what we say. So it's more "spiritual" to speak in a soft, and possibly sweet, tone.

Dealing with gossip

"Does it really matter what they say?" Ortega asks. It is wiser, according to her, not to listen to gossip, even if they are gossiping about you. "Because once you listen, you will be affected." It is, however, good to listen to honest and true feedback from a trusted friend, or professional evaluation from your superior.

"To preserve your energy, remain positive; never engage in criticism, intrigues, and quarrel because all these will just drain you," Ortega explains. Our thinking, as opposed to our physical work, is actually more draining than we can imagine.

True purpose

If you invest time for your spirit, you will eventually reap the rewards of increased happiness, increased energy, detachment from things that may unsettle you, clarity of mind and thinking, and selfless decision-making. "These things will not only benefit you, it will also benefit more people in the sense that it will bring more hope and understanding to others," Ortega says.

Everybody has a purpose, everything in this world has a purpose. It is our responsibility to understand what our purpose is and to work to attain it. "We don't exist only for ourselves, our purpose is not simply to look good, or to make money, or have a certain position—it has to be something more," Ortega says.

"If you don't live according to your purpose, your life is going to be miserable," she warns. She makes it clear that all of our pressures come from the problem of not living according to our true identity. But then even the busiest of people can set aside, literally, a moment to nourish the soul.

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METRO POINT MALL OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT EXPO RIBBON CUTTING

SHOWN at the ribbon cutting on the successful jobfair at the Metro Point Mall Overseas Employment Expo held on July 28 to 30 are: Lilia Linda W. Ang, president of Philippine Association of Local Service Contractors, Inc. (Palscon), Lina Aseneta, president of Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP), an OWWA officer, Babes Good, Classified Ads Kalaw branch manager and Jesse Rebustillo, Classifieds Division Head.

Spice up your work day with new wardrobe

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

(Continuation)

THE TRICK, according to Tracie Anglo Dizon, founding creative director of MODI, is to combine the indigenous with the corporate. To avoid looking like you came right out of a museum, avoid a total look. "It is definitely all in the mix. One might wear a white linen shirt, khaki pants, and MODI jewelry." Dizon suggests wearing beaded T'boli charms with a button down white shirt, a white mock turtleneck shirt, or even in multiples over a white seersucker blouse.

Boleros can be worn with trousers. Dizon reminds to wear a bolero with a tight fitting shirt underneath to give the body form. You might also want to consider wearing colorful boleros over a dress or a long-sleeved shirt. *Malong* can be worn like a sarong, with a plain tank top, a big belt over the *malong*, and a crisp white-belted safari jacket, preferably in a breezy fabric-like linen.

More dignified

Former Senator Loren Legarda agrees that the *malong* is just as dignified looking and perhaps even more elegant than Chanel suits. She often wears beaded *malong* jackets or *yakan* jackets to state dinners or official events. For this reason, Legarda put together Habi, a collection that showcases the *hablon* of Miag-ao, Iloilo, the aurora silk, the embroidery of Lumban, Laguna and the *abel* cloth of the Ilocos region and the *yakan*-weave of Zamboanga.

Legarda also recently co-authored and sponsored the Philippine Tropical Fabric Law prescribing the use of Philippine tropical fabric for the uniforms of government officials and employees. Consider our own tropical fabrics the next time you visit your dressmaker for a new tailored dress.

Funky accessories

An all black ensemble may be the perfect backdrop to highlight a really bright colorful bag. If you're wearing a black suit for example, Koh suggests carrying a statement bag in pink. No matter how frivolous the bag, complete with all the beadworks and the trimmings, you can never overdo it if you wear it with a conservative dress or suit. For a plain white shirt, tie a scarf around your neck. There are several ways to wear a scarf. Don't be afraid to experiment.

"Accessories like belts, brooches, necklaces and chokers are very strong this season. So any of these items if mixed and matched well can really spice up an ordinary corporate attire," adds Koh. Lozon, on the other hand, recommends investing on corsages, fashion bracelets, bangles, and dangling earrings. A unique but simple alternative from the corsage is a fresh rose bud or a carnation.

Dizon suggests shoes in different colors and patterns. Try to be bold with graphic patterns or even animal prints. Compliment basics with bright, bold colors and structured shapes for bags. She adds that wide belts could be worn over an untucked button down shirt. Be careful with your combinations though. It is always best to use one large piece at a time. If you're wearing a heavy choker for example, it would be best to stay away from big chandelier earrings. The idea is to highlight one important piece.

CROPPED cardigans, boleros and shrugs can replace the traditional jacket for some fun and color.
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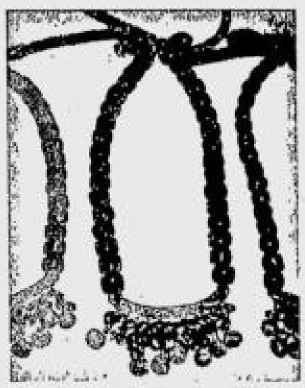
For men too

Although men can't experiment with scarves or wide belts, they don't necessarily have to get stuck with the staid basics. Ties are canvasses for color. Be bold with the shades and patterns. Make sure a color in the pattern compliments your shirt. That is, if you're wearing a blue shirt, pick a tie with a hint of blue on the design. Although women can wear leopard prints on their shoes and cherries on their bags, Mickey Mouse or Scooby Doo are still big no-nos for ties.

Instead of the same old belt, consider suspenders. They do the job of holding your pants in place just as well and at the same time, add some flair to your otherwise boring ensemble. Pick a suspender that compliments your tie. Even women can experiment with braces, as the English would call them. They're fun to wear with shirts and slacks for women.



T'BOLI-made necklaces from MODI can spice up an ordinary white shirt and dark blazer.
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Those wearing contacts may want to consider going back to the old spectacles. You can play with color, shape and pattern on your frames. Tortoise shell frames for example are romantic. The old Clark Kent look could also be quite sexy. Those tired of their heavy rims can opt for titanium, stainless steel or even a sleek rimless pair. You may also want to play with the color of the lens. It's all about color. Just because you move around the business world where everything should be in black and white doesn't mean you have to stick to monochromes. If you can't color your world, at least color your shoes or your tie.

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'My subordinates ...

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the next important step is self-management or self-discipline or self-control. In this step, you remove or modify the stimuli that cause you to think, feel and behave the way you do.

In your particular case, self-management entails that you stop thinking that your subordinates do not know as well as you do, and start thinking that they know some things, some of which you yourself may not know. It is you who must create the atmosphere that can encourage them to express themselves. Stop assuming that they appreciate your perfectionism and that meeting your standards benefits them. When a person feels degraded and demeaned, he or she does not think this way. Start feeling how the other person feels.

Value people

Start looking at your subordinates as resources to be valued, that you need them more than they need you. How do you see the value of your employees? You can look at what they do and how their work contributes to your own. You can look at their resumés and see their work experience, their skills and their achievements. You can look at their performance appraisal and how they had been rated by their superiors. These are some ways you can change your mindsets about them.

What do we manage or regulate? When we change our mindsets, our perceptions, our thoughts and opinions, our feelings follow. Disdain gives way to admiration; anger to compassion. These positive feelings lead you to behave differently. Instead of critical or sarcastic comments because your standards have not been met, why not coach your subordinate, explaining each step patiently and showing how the step is to be done. This investment of your time in coaching will pay off in terms of improved performance and positive relationships. Then catching your subordinates doing positive things and giving them sincere positive feedback can work wonders.

Formula

When a report makes you angry, you can manage your negative emotion and the mounting tension by breathing deeply, drinking water, or even getting out for a while for a change in scenery. Then, when tension is dissipated, call your subordinate and say: "I am disappointed by this report because..." then point out the errors. End the conversation with what you like about it. I suggest that you write down the positive behaviors you will practice everyday. Let this be your daily personal goals. If you do these actions daily, they will become habits.

The above shows you that EQ can be learned and enhanced. But you have to make a decision. Are you willing to change? And will you really change?

Regarding one of your managers who is resigning after only seven months, why not have a one-on-one talk with him or her if you want to retain the person? Admit your faults and shortcomings to the person, apologize for hurting him or her, and assure him or her that you will do things differently. Difficult? Yes, this is difficult. But, this is a better option than for you to quietly change your behavior. Your changed behavior may not be noticed at all when people have a mindset of you. God bless you.

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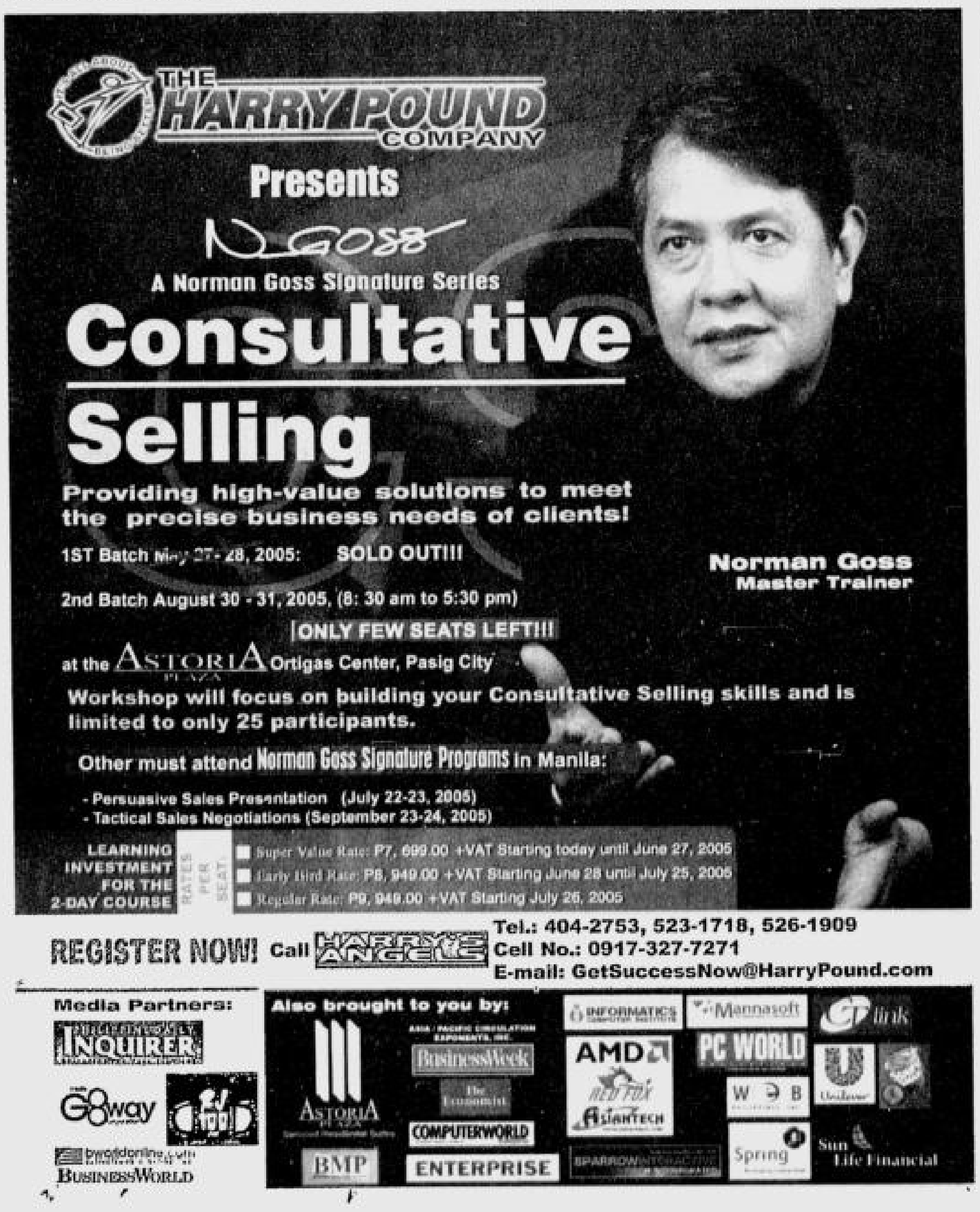

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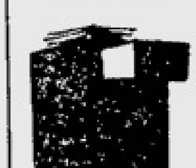

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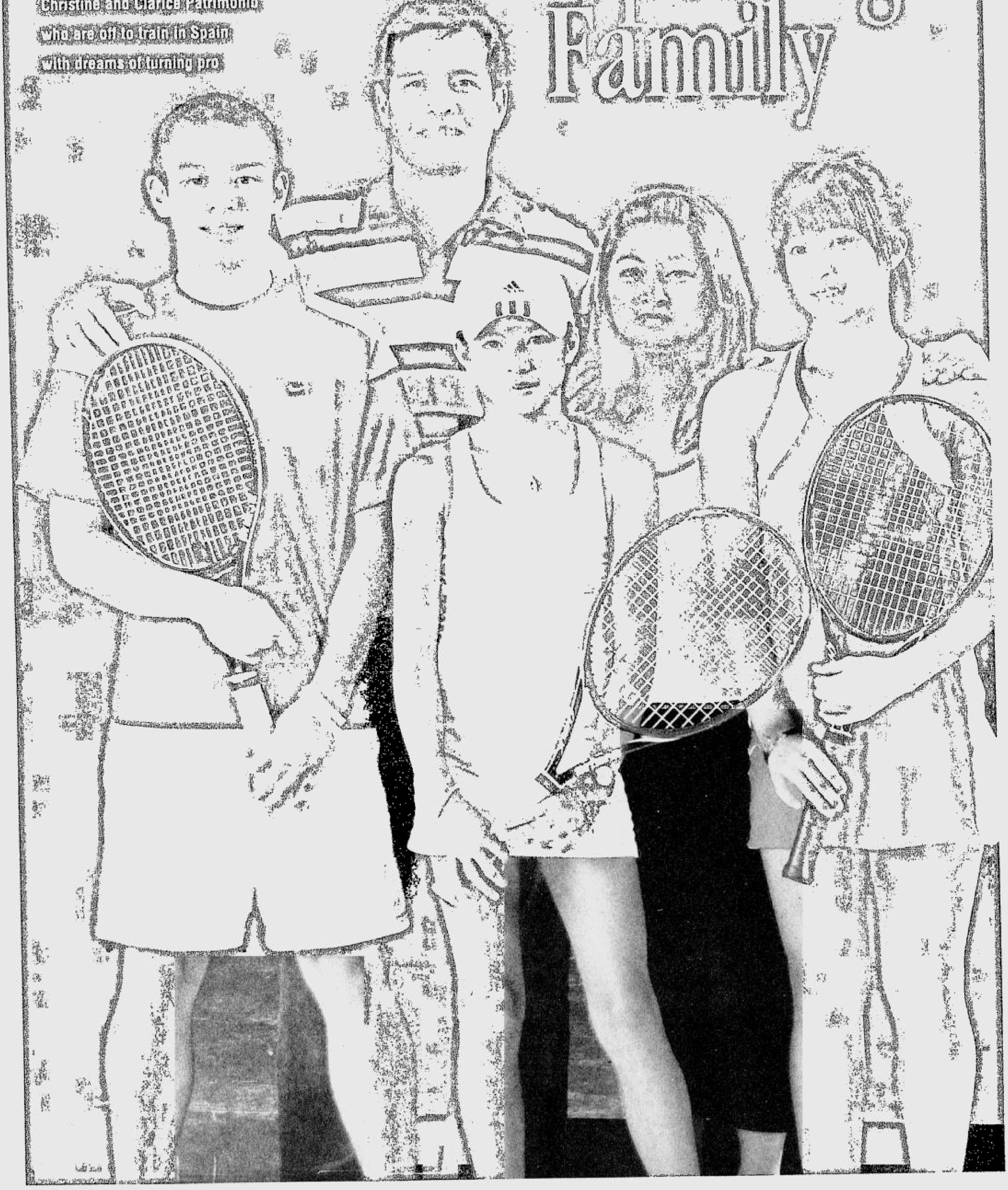
GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

PBA superstar Alvin Patrimonio and wife Cindy are cheering on a new generation of athletes: tennis hopefuls Angelo, Christine and Clarice Patrimonio who are off to train in Spain with dreams of turning pro

The Patrimonios

All in the Sporting Family



Team Patrimonio: (L to R) Angelo, Alvin, Clarice, Cindy and Christine

by Ruel S. De Vera
photographs by Romy Homillada

IT must run in the blood, this unerring need to compete, coursing through the family veins like a ball sent rocketing from the impact of a racket. Alvin Patrimonio had felt it rushing through his veins early on and, answering the call, became a hardcourt warrior for the ages, a paladin among Filipino players.

Last year, Alvin finally hung up his sneakers after 17 remarkable seasons with the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs. He's now the Hotdogs' team manager, though he has another remarkable role: father to a family of evolving athletes, though not basketball lifers like himself.

That's because Patrimonio children Angelo, 15, Christine, 13, and Clarice, 11, are all promising tennis players. Because of their father, the kids were into basketball initially but shifted to tennis. "There was a tennis game they played on Sega DreamCast," Alvin recalls in Filipino. "At the same time, they could see the prize money. And there was a Grand Slam going on TV. It gave them an idea that it would be a nice career."

Together with mom Cindy, the girls joined a tennis clinic at Valle Verde Country Club. Angelo got into it two months after the girls. "It was just

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For A Cause

by Agnes Españo-Dimzon

She Makes A Lot of Noise to Make Peace

When she married an ailing former senator with 17 children, the local wags thought she was only after his money. But Delia Ediltrudes Locsin, herself born to landed class, proved them wrong. A devoted social worker who chose to work in the countryside, she stirs things up in an unlikely role as peacemaker

BACOLOD City—When she ran for governor of Negros Occidental in the May 2004 elections, Delia Ediltrudes Locsin ("Duds") knew she had a very slim chance of winning. She had no money and no political machinery. But she ran just the same so that the incumbent would have an opponent.

"How could a government official run for re-election unopposed when he did a lot of irregularities in his previous term?" she claims, citing a renovation project in the provincial capitol that allegedly needed only P30,000-P40,000 initially but eventually cost P1 million. The official, she alleges, had a lot of business interests that could interfere with his job in government.

Ironically, going against the odds has stacked the odds in Locsin's favor. Her fearless stance, for one, gained her supporters among non-government organizations which invited her to their various activities in the barangays so she could talk to more people as a way of campaigning. The Leftist group Bayan Muna came across with transportation for her *recoridas*. To everyone's surprise, the neophyte candidate garnered about 100,000 votes, respectable enough for a first timer. "It was a conscience-provoking act," says Locsin of her candidacy.

Vocal peacemaker

While she can be very vocal in her criticisms, Locsin is largely known as a peacemaker and is in fact one of 27 Filipino women nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. A total of 1000 women all over the world were nominated for the prestigious award in an effort to correct the gender imbalance that has so far characterized the list of winners. Out of 122 awardees, only 12 are women. The announcement of the final winners is expected in October this year.

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Described as a deeply spiritual woman "who never loses her cool despite the hurtful, scathing things said to her," according to her close friend Fr. Dimitri Gatia, Locsin nonetheless shows little hesitation in stirring up things.

At the height of the internal refugee problem, the United Nations appointed Locsin to head the Negros chapter of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (CISAC). Later, because land was at the root of social problems in Negros, she was sent to negotiate peace between sugar workers and the big landowners. She opted for a more open, personal approach to the problem, treating each warring faction as individuals and human beings instead of power blocs.

"Landowners are perceived as oppressive," she notes. "But if you treat them as human beings and not put your bias before you, you'd find that they are people who also need to learn and understand. There are landowners who actually offer their lands for distribution."

But she's not about to let them off so easily either. To the wealthy and powerful, she has this to say: "*Kon maayo pangabuhi niyo, sigeha niyo lang. Pero indi lang pagpunggi ang iban nga mangabuhi man sang gusto nila* (If your life is easy, enjoy it. But don't keep other people from living the kind of life that they want)."

Hopes stir

Born 66 years ago to a middle class family, Locsin's father was a small landowner while her mother was a school librarian in the Negros Occidental Provincial High School. "Money means nothing to her even if she comes from a wealthy family," says Fr. Gatia. Locsin is the eldest of five siblings, and thus stirred hopes among her parents that she'd pursue a money-making career, the better to take care of them in their dotage. But, instead, she wanted to become a missionary or nurse assigned to remote areas like Sulu.

She went on to see her dreams through in college where she took up Social Welfare at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. After she graduated, she went back home to work as a medical social worker in a hospital in Silay, Negros Occidental, earning P100 a month.

"*Ga ano ka da*? (What are you doing there?)," her mother had asked, knowing that some of her classmates were making it big in Manila. But Locsin was adamant, knowing that working with the poor in rural areas was her calling.

When she caught the eye of a very wealthy suitor, however, people started talking. "They said I was only after his money," Locsin says of the nasty talks about her and Don Jose Locsin, a former senator, doctor, former governor and the biggest benefactor of the hospital. The former official was a widower with 17 children, all of them older than her, except one. Not that she heard it all. "I was oblivious to all the gossip because *ginpriso ako ni* Mamang *sa uma* (Mother kept me under tight watch in our farm)."

Despite such discouragement, the old man was persistent. He would come almost everyday, fording streams and crossing rice paddies on foot to reach the farm. Recalls Locsin: "One day, one of his daughters came and asked if I could help make their father happy." And that was how she became the senator's wife.

Exponent of justice

Unlike most political figures from the landed class, Don Jose was "an exponent of social justice, a man of integrity," says his widow. "In his second term as senator, he was chair of the National Economic Committee. During his time, local industries flourished because of his pro-Filipino policies. I still have with me his notebook on which all projects and industries during his term are listed. My political sensibilities were developed with a lot of help from him."

The couple shared 15 "enjoyable, educational and meaningful" years together and have two children of their own. She was with him all the time, more so when he retired and became sickly. Don Jose Locsin died in 1977.

With their two children now having their own families, Locsin left their ancestral home in Silay and went to live by herself in a small house in Aroreco, Bacolod City. The family, which included the senator's older children, respected her decision.

She recalls: "(The children) did not exactly restrict me in what I could do in their ancestral home, but now I am happy and free to do more than what I need to."

And that includes going back to her frugal ways. She has a car, for instance, but rarely uses it. "Gasoline is so expensive," she quips. Once, while on her way to one of her endless meetings, she was sideswiped by a tricycle outside her house. The young driver offered to pay for her hospitalization, but Locsin's daughter Marla, 35, instead offered him a job. "Things happen for a reason," Locsin philosophizes when friends visited her at the hospital.

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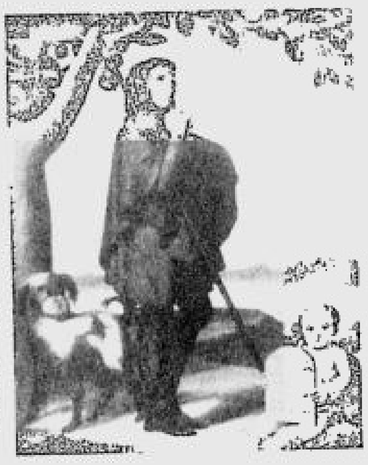

HARVEST OF SAINTS A selection of Philippine religious paintings from the 19th century from the collection of Vicky Vizcarra Amalingan is on view at the Fourth Floor Gallery of the Ayala Museum, Makati Avenue cor. Dela Rosa Street, Makati City until November 13. In photo is "San Roque Confesor," oil on canvas, attributed to Antonio Malantic. For more of This Week, see page 7

INSPIRING STORIES

For me, Sunday is PDI day. It's been my Sunday routine to eat my breakfast while reading PDI's weekday and weekend editions. It's a very informative paper and I don't have to spend lots of money to buy expensive reading materials to get all the information I need.

I'm a teacher by profession. PDI has been a big help to me because I'd use the printed pictures and some articles as teaching materials.

I also love to read the stories featured on PDI's Sunday Magazine. The stories motivate me to be mentally and morally firm. I share with my students the stories of people who have encountered unusual challenges but have managed to survive. The stories inspire them to be tough, smart and to think big so that they themselves will be big someday.

Please feature more stories regarding life struggles, religion and beliefs, prominent people who had been through a lot of trials, and those physically and mentally challenged people who still persevere because of faith, love and strength.

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WHAT LOYALTY MEANS

"Loyalty" means firm allegiance to one's country and government, a person, ideal or cause. It is an abstract noun; meaning, it cannot be perceived by the senses. Though loyalty can't be perceived, we can nevertheless see loyal people who exhibit such virtue, like DENR Secretary Mike Defensor, the President's staunchest ally and defender ("In Defense of Himself—And His President," **SIM**, 17 July 2005). I admire him for that.

The political crisis threatening the presidency has caused him to rise to the situation and brought out extraordinary leadership qualities in his ordinary person. Defensor's pronouncements-may be a product of his very own observations and experience of the President, and not of self-serving motives. Perhaps, he knew something good about his President. The Hyatt 10 only obeyed her, while Defensor followed her.

When an individual decides to respect and follow a leader, that's loyalty. He does not think of what others will say about his boss, but would rather observe what his boss does so that he'll know where he stands.

Why did Mark Antony defend Julius Caesar against the 60 conspirators headed by Brutus and Cassius who plotted the assassination of the statesman? The answer is simple: he was his friend—faithful and just to him.

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Music Makers

by Claire Agbayani

A Very Caring 'Mr. Suave' Becomes A Dad

Buwi with son Zephyr Bo and wife Febe

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HIS name means "strong wind" or tornado, but Buhawi or Buwi Meneses, bassist of the band Parokya ni Edgar, might be better known as the guy behind the group's monster hit, "Mr. Suave."

But Buwi, 29, is neither a force of nature nor a Don Juan by temperament. In fact, this firstborn of breast cancer activist Danny Meneses and his late wife Rosa Francia, is often considered a gentle soul. "I was always the caregiver. I took care of my Lolo and my younger sisters Tish, 15 and Iyay, 10," says Buwi.

These days, "Mr. Suave's" songwriter focuses his attention and TLC on Zephyr Bo, his son whose name similarly means "a strong and fast wind." A year ago, Buwi married childhood classmate Febe Borras of the talk show, Startalk. His father, who takes pride in being the first grandfather among 10 siblings, cheered him on, knowing that taking care of people is something that has become second nature to Buwi.

His own person

In fact, Buwi learned early on what he was capable of in terms of caring for his family. He was just starting his Fine Arts studies at the University of the Philippines when his mother was diagnosed with cancer. Buwi chose to stop schooling. "I was 18 and I wanted to be my own person. I knew I had the responsibility of taking care of my Mom," he says. Seeing how distraught his mother was once for not being able to partake of the family's regular meal, he promptly discarded what he was eating and shared his mom's fare instead.

The guy whom his fans call "*Kuya* Buwi" apparently also takes his responsibilities as role model seriously, avoiding the sex, drugs and rock and roll lifestyle that most music stars get into. The rock star mentality, he says, destroys the artist.

In mid-2000, Buwi went with his mother to Mt. Fuji where she joined other women with breast cancer from all over the world. Rosa had complications by the time she reached the fifth station, so her son finished the climb for her. "Buwi planted the Philippine flag at the peak of Mt. Fuji," proudly says his dad, Danny who put up with Rosa, in 1997, the Philippine Breast Cancer Network to teach people how to cope with, and prevent breast cancer.

Rosa passed away not long after the trek to Fuji. But Buwi's commitment to the cause of cancer prevention did not stop there. Once, when Parokya's record producer Bella Tan (who also died of cancer recently) asked why this band member seemed to be always short of cash, she found out that Buwi had been donating a big chunk of his earnings to the Tiaong Breast Haven. The facility—part of his mother's dream—was founded by Danny Meneses for the prevention and early treatment of breast cancer. Buwi spent some P40,000 to P50,000 a week for two months until the place was fully constructed. "*Naubos lahat ng* savings *ko*! I was bankrupt!" he says, but adds that his band came through as well. Parokya ni Edgar donated their prize money from the TV program "Game KNB?" to Breast Haven. His father's classmates from the Ateneo de Manila, and brothers from the Alpha Sigma fraternity also supported the project.

Sharing resources

Says Buwi of the facility: "In the seminars that we hold at the Breast Haven, we give information on how to live with breast cancer. There's also an intensive training course for breast cancer activists, some of which were supported by the Ford and Ayala Foundations."

Making do and sharing limited resources was something that Buwi learned as a child. When he was three, his father, then a medical representative, moved the family to Cagayan de Oro, where Buwi grew up among Visayans and Muslims and enjoyed the outdoor life. Though wanting in material comforts ("even my yoyo was home-made," he recalls), the young boy enjoyed mountaineering so much he continued it during his college years at UP.

His hit song may be about living it up as a single dude, but Buwi Meneses considers himself first and foremost as a caregiver. Caring for his mother until breast cancer claimed her may yet turn out to be a dress rehearsal for taking care of another fragile soul—his firstborn son

It was also at the State University where Buwi met band mates Chito Miranda (front vocalist), Vinci Montaner (back-up vocalist), Gabriel CheeKee (rhythm guitarist), Dindin Moreno (drummer) and Darius Semana (lead guitarist) of Parokya ni Edgar. Initially, his father wasn't too happy about the band, whose early songs included such numbers as "Cooking *Ng Ina Mo*." Eventually, however, the band became an enduring phenomenon in the local music scene, known for combining attitude with irreverent humor in their comic antics onstage. It has so far performed in the US, Canada, Guam, Singapore and Thailand.

Topseller

Buwi's "Mr. Suave" sealed the band's reputation as a topseller some two years ago. Michael Bublé sang the song's refrain during his concert in Manila ("Hoy! Hoy! Hoy! Hoy! Hoy! Hoy!"), while candidates in the 2004 elections freely lifted its melody to fit their campaign lyrics. Except for Sen. Mar Roxas, none of them, however, gave him any royalties. And remember this judge who once broke the grim atmosphere in the court proceedings when his mobile phone rang, with "Mr. Suave" as his ringtone?

Buwi's success, the late Bella Tan was once quoted as saying, was God's way of showering this caregiver with blessings after what he's done for his mother and other breast cancer survivors.

For Buwi, the best blessing he's gotten so far is a second life. When he was 27, he almost reprised the fate of rock legends Jim Morrison, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain—who all died at that age—when he met an accident en route to a gig. Fortunately, he survived. The accident convinced Buwi that life, at least for him, begins at 27, and now that he's got a son, gets better at 29. Q

Buwi (right) hamming it up with the Parokya ni Edgar dudes

Poetry

How To Be A Ceiling

On her hospital bed, Pacita Abad deciphered
the ceiling as though it were a dead sea
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down. We seldom look up long enough,
she said, taking a floor mop for a brush
and painting multi-colored circles and spirals
on the whitewashed surface the way one would
curl up rainbows, spin the iridiscence of corals
into nautiluses, fasten mirror buttons to bottlecaps
as emblems to the bubbly fizz of soda water;
while she sang the groovy hits of the boogie-blues
sixties, made trapunto with her hospital gown,
fixing it beside the smoke alarm. Next morning,
nurses came and took her pulse, blood pressure.
Doctors in white examined her heart. Beloved Jack
brought in a bouquet of blooms, looked up,
and marvelled at the Sistine Chapel psychedelic.

Sid Gomez Hildawa

People for the Planet

by Ross Harper Alonso
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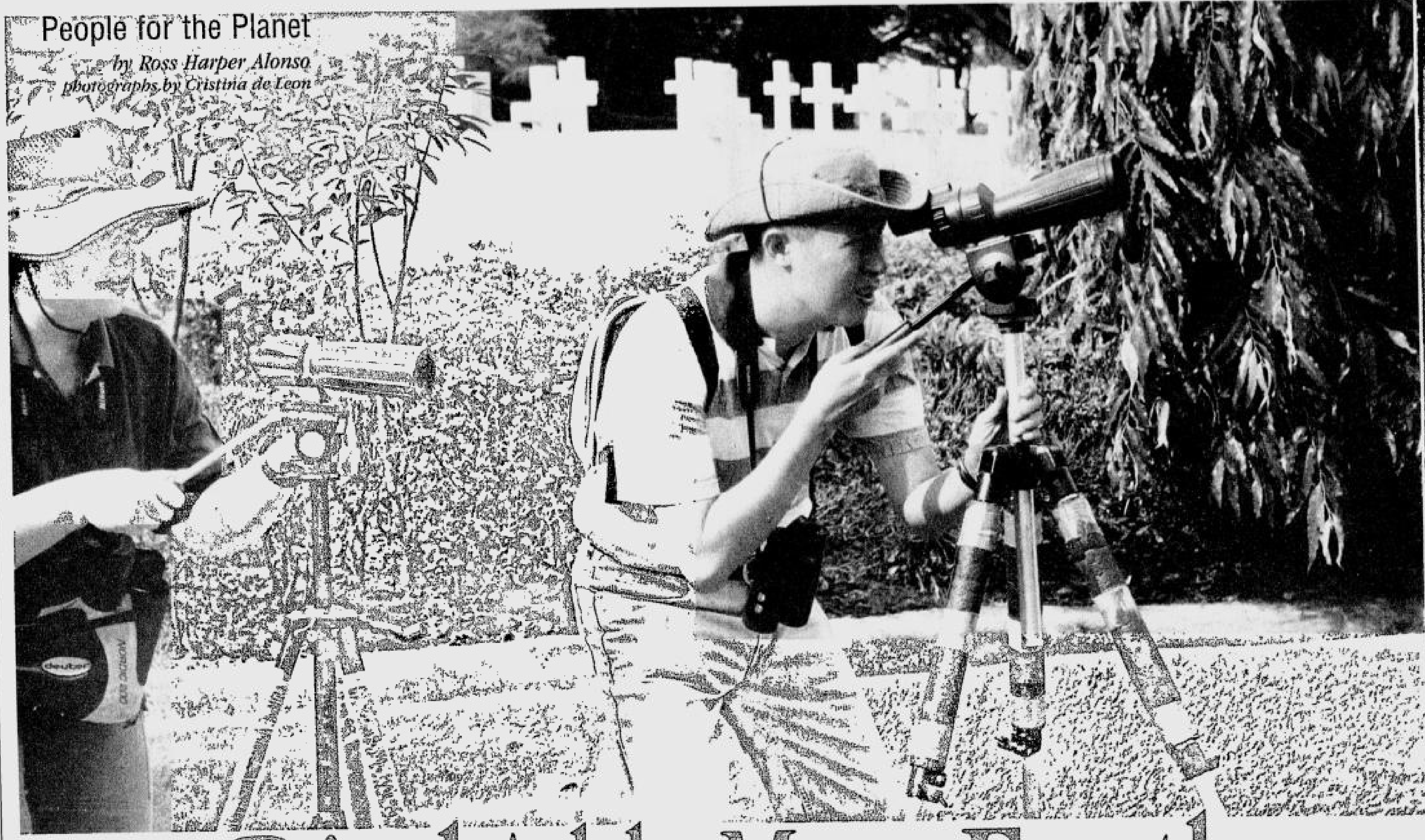

Rare Bird Adds More Feathers to His Cap

Businessman Mike Lu and fellow birdwatchers from the Wild Bird Club prowl the unlikeliest sites in Metro Manila to catch sight of our fair-feathered friends. They're out to prove that the hobby isn't strictly for the birds but for earth-lovers as well

IT'S 4:30 Sunday morning and while the rest of the city sleeps, businessman Mike Lu quietly loads his car with heavy duty rubber boots, binoculars and a Bushnell spotting scope donated by a Canadian birder. Today he's taking a band of merry birders to the reclamation area behind the Coastal Mall of Tambo, Parañaque. The birding site is a threatened piece of grassland with mudflats where rubythroats, peregrine Falcons, ruddy-breasted crakes and more than a hundred other bird species have made their home. It is the highest number of species recorded in Metro Manila.

"People are surprised to see these birds thriving in this wasteland," says Mike, who distributes industrial hand tools for a living. "I have to remind them that not all birds nest in trees. Different species live in different habitats." Adds the amiable 40-year-old bachelor: "It's also a shame that people don't realize how they can witness birds flying in from the North from here. My first sighting was a flock of 60 egrets flying around Manila Bay towards Cavite. On later trips, we would see smaller birds like terns and plovers by the hundreds. Once, I and Arne Jensen, a Danish ornithologist and co-founder of the bird club, watched about 8,000 whiskered terns flying out in the bay. Grouping themselves like a cloud, they suddenly swooped down on the water like a passing rain shower."

In awe of birds

A certified bird watcher, Mike recalls how he came to this hobby. "I've stood in awe of birds since I was three. My grandparents have a one hectare compound in Pasay with large acacia trees. As a boy, my cousins and I could look up and watch birds fly in V formation or listen to the quacking of passing ducks headed out to Manila Bay."

Perhaps it was childhood memories like these that moved Mike, the eldest of three siblings, to help organize the country's first and only wild bird club on July 14, 2003. "I didn't think we needed to set up something formal," he says good-naturedly. "We were a small group of birdwatchers who formed the Birdwatch Philippines e-group just to keep in touch and pass information. A few months later, we started a website to share our sightings and photos." They wanted to educate the public about the country's incredible avifauna and even offered to work with the Environment department and the Pasig River Rehab but were turned away and given the runaround.

Says Mike with a chuckle: "I don't blame them since we must've looked like a bunch of crazy bird lovers with no direction and organization to represent." However, he adds, "this experience did motivate Ned Liuag, Kitty Arce, James McCarthy, Jon Villasper, Mads Bajarias, LuAnn Fuentes, Ricky de Castro, Arne Jensen, Tina Alejandro and myself to finally file our incorporation papers with the Securities and Exchange Commission."

Diverse species

Today, club members and directors are as diverse as the species they seek. They're an interesting blend of bankers, astronomers, graphic artists and people with interests ranging from photography to butterfly- and dragonfly-watching. Single handedly, the group has put together an impressive database of Philippine bird sightings, providing the scientific community with valuable information that would have otherwise cost them millions of pesos to gather.

"Seeing a rare bird for the first time is an experience, but adding new species to our records is even more fulfilling," Mike points out. "We've already recorded more than 140 species spotted in Metro Manila and last week, I added two more to the list. It doesn't make much sense to claim we're working to save our environment if we don't know the feathered creatures in the forest, marshland and grassland."

The lack of appropriate textbooks in his elementary years prompted Mike as well to contribute his bit to ornithology. "Back then, my textbooks only had pictures of American birds. I never heard of the Luzon bleeding-heart, the Philippine cockatoo or the great rufus hornbill. To this day, some still think our national bird is the common brown scavenger we see foraging through trash. Those are Eurasian tree sparrows; they're practically mice with wings. The real national bird before it was changed to the Philippine eagle is the chestnut munia with a black head and reddish brown body," he adds.

Increased awareness

Mike concedes that the public's level of awareness has increased since a tourism group up North invited them to identify the birds in their area. "But we'd like to encourage local environmental organizations to contact us for assistance."

The group's selfless service and dedication to conserve the country's wildlife was recognized last month by the World Bank's Philippine Environmental Monitor. The Wild Bird Club of the Philippines received the Environmental Champion Award for their pioneering efforts.

Says Mike: "Of course I was ecstatic but I was very surprised we were even nominated since the club is barely two years old. I also felt humbled standing beside awardee, Raul Zapatoz, the forest guard who stood up to a mayor involved in illegal logging."

True, the beautiful glass trophy is a feather on his cap but Mike isn't about to rest on his laurels. In fact he's working even harder to get more children and their parents involved in the club. "We go to a variety of sites. The Candaba Marsh in Pampanga is hard core. One is literally surrounded by birds during the migratory season, while the American Cemetery is a serene and peaceful urban site teeming with birds we never thought we'd see in the city."

The Bird Club relies solely on membership fees, binocular rentals of P50 and book sales. Tour participants only need to rent binoculars. There are no fees. For tour schedules, call Mike Lu 0917-3350325 or log on to http://www.birdwatch.ph

Watch the birdie: A white-collared kingfisher, one of many species found in Metro Manila

ALICE VILLA-REAL

by Nestor P. Burgos Jr.

A Child of the Forest and Her Winged Victory

Young biologist Carmela Española lost her wristwatch during a research project, but found a new bird species. A year later, she's embarking on a more challenging expedition. What is she bound to find this time?

ILOILO CITY—A YEAR after gaining international acclaim for discovering a new bird species at the Babuyan island group in Batanes, Ilongga wildlife biologist Carmela Española has embarked on the more daunting task of protecting her discovery.

Española, 29, will lead a group that will conduct a thorough assessment of the threats faced by the Calayan Rail (*Gallirallus calayanensis*), the small red-beaked almost flightless bird that can only be found in the island. Española's group will also conduct an environmental education campaign in schools and forest communities as well as workshops with local government units, non-government organizations and other institutions to help draw up a conservation action plan for the bird that the locals know as *piding*. The bird may be classified as "vulnerable" under the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List criteria of species of concern because of its small known population.

First exploration

Results and recommendations of the research, which extends from August to October, 2006, will be disseminated through a report to stakeholders and the scientific community. The project was made possible by a US$12,500 grant from the British Petroleum Conservation Programme (BPCP).

Española remembers how the celebrated bird came into her life. Simply put, she lost her watch but found a new bird species. On May 10, 2004, this biology graduate of the University of the Philippines in the Visayas was part of a nine-member team doing research on the small island of Calayan. The team was headed by British biologist Genevieve Broad and conservationist Carl Oliveros and included British bird consultant Desmond Allen, Harvey Garcia, Marisol Pedregosa, Mark Reyes, Juan Carlos Gonzales and Amado Bajarias.

The expedition was considered the first exploration on the island after the research done by ornithologist R.C. McGregor a century ago.

"We were expecting a new distribution record because it hasn't been explored for a long time. But we got dozens and on top of all that, a new species!" says Española.

It must have been while they were transferring their equipment to their camp to protect them from the rain that she lost her wristwatch, this biologist recalls thinking, shrugging off the loss. Early the next day, Española set out for their daily routine. But because she was unaware of the time, she extended her walk in the forest. When she heard an unfamiliar call, she immediately prepared her camera, binoculars and recorder. She was surprised to see four birds emerge from the bushes three meters away from her. She started taking pictures, careful not to be noticed.

After the birds passed, Española took notes of their distinct features. At the back of her mind was the thought that the birds belonged to a new species but she dismissed it because "it was so unbelievable." Instead, she tried to calm herself by thinking that what she saw could have been migratory birds or immature Philippine birds.

Upon returning to camp, she immediately reported her find and was questioned closely by bird consultant Desmond Allen. After he had listened to the recording, he agreed that the species was "totally new," eliciting shouts of joys from the team. "I felt like exploding," recounts Española.

No doubts

But despite the excitement of the discovery, the team had to stay on the island for 10 days more days to finish their work. When they returned to Manila, they spent hours in the museum measuring the sample and comparing it with other rail species. They checked the books and pictures that were sent to rail experts until there was no doubt that the bird was a new species.

She felt blessed with the discovery, says Española. "God has been very kind to let me experience this. I feel so puny all along." It also made her more confident of her everyday work skills, she adds. But most of all, the discovery is a victory for volunteers like the members of her team, says this young scientist. She has been one since she graduated from college in 1998 and volunteered at the Philippine Endemic Species Conservation Project (PESCP) in Antique. She also spent a year as a volunteer teacher in the UP's Gurong Pahinungod in Jolo.

Her experiences as a volunteer firmed up her commitment to conservation efforts, says Española. She says she can't see herself doing any other work because she has been in love with animals, especially birds, since she was a little girl.

The second of five siblings, Española grew up to stories about native animals told by her father Pablo whom she calls "a child of the forest."

Amazed about the stories, she made it a point to frequent their farm in Barotac Viejo town in Iloilo. Her fondness for animals prompted early dreams of becoming a doctor, until she realized how hysterical she became when her pet animals died.

Growing up in the wide outdoors also shaped her childhood. Her happiest times, she recalls, was staying in the hilly campus in Miag-ao town in Iloilo, where her parents were both faculty members. "I had a forest to myself," she recounts. She would often go to the forest with her siblings and observe grass owls and monitor lizards and would identify birds through their calls, she adds. Among the animals, Española was fascinated most by birds due to their color and melodious calls that sounded "like a song." She adds: "There is also a part in all of us that is fascinated with flight, in the ability to soar to great heights."

True passion

But following her heart has also been difficult for Española. Volunteers are dependent on the allowance they get, which covers mainly one's transportation expenses. "There were times when I wanted to quit but this is my passion and I can't imagine myself working in an office." Thankfully, her family has been supportive of her work. "You've been to places we've only dreamt of, but we could see them through you," her father would always tell her.

Española is pursuing a master's degree in Wildlife Studies at UP Los Baños, but says that her thesis has momentarily taken a back seat because of the projects she's involved in. She stresses the importance of the Babuyan Island as a place where migratory birds pass to rest and feed in their southward journey. There should be collaborative efforts among non-government organizations, local governments, the academe and the community to protect the island, she suggests. "We must show the people that conservation efforts are essential and that they can work," she adds.

Indeed, the latest research meant to protect the Calayan rail is a joint effort among the British Petroleum, the Wildlife Conservation Society, Birdlife International, Fauna and Flora International and Conservation International. The grant given them is one of 28 distributed to conservation groups by the BPCP on June 23 at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. Thanks to the grant, the group's research and conservation work on the Calayan Island will finally take wing, says Española.

Winging it: Carmela Española (third from right) with local guides and children of Babuyan Island

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The Patrimonios

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games at first," says Alvin. "Their coach made them join tournaments and they were winning. *Magaling pala talaga sila* (I realized they were really good)," Cindy says.

The three Patrimonios are active competitors in local tennis and are still discovering the extent of their abilities. Now, they're about to take a huge step in the quest for a better game. They'll be leaving for Manhattan this month to train, play and catch the US Open at Indian Wells. After which they're bound for Valencia, Spain, to train at the Altur and Alvariño Centro de Tennis. Says Cindy: "They'll stay there until they get really good."

Unprecedented heights

How good they can get, nobody knows. But if their father were any measure, the children can reach unprecedented heights. After all, "The Captain," as Alvin's been known, retired as one of the game's best ever, leaving behind statistical feats not easily forgotten: 596 straight games, 10-time PBA Mythical Team selection, four-time MVP, with over 15,000 points, 2,000 defensive rebounds, 1,000 offensive rebounds and 2,000 assists. But more than just the skills and the stats, the 38-year-old, 6'3" Alvin has always been known for his passion and willingness to take the last shot.

Alvin's current duties as team manager—attending practices, taking care of administrative matters at the office—bring him home late. He's had to work hard to maintain his workout regimen and stay healthy. Though he sorely misses the game, wife Cindy, 33, says she is more relaxed now that Alvin is no longer playing. "Now, we take care of the kids."

The kids are all right, apparently. The youngest, Aaron Joseph, is only four months old. The eldest, Angelo, 5'11", is the splitting image of his father. Heavily-built, he employs a nasty backhand just like that of his idol, Swiss do-it-all champ Roger Federer. He used to feel the pressure of being the son of a basketball star, but not anymore. Cindy says their firstborn is the most *makulit* (persistent) of the group. Angelo enjoys horror movies, watches a lot of HBO and is transfixed by "Smash Court Pro Tennis" on the Sony PlayStation 2. "My coaches tell me I should serve and volley more," he says. "I like matchplay. You can do everything. Not like in training, where you just do everything over and over."

The statuesque Christine towers at 5'6" and is still growing. Already an endorser for Krissa Jeans, Christine loves animals, wants to be a vet and dreams of setting up a high-tech hospital for dogs, as well as a mall "where dogs can go into the stores and restaurants." She's also great at cleaning the house and baking. This Patrimonio second-born has a wicked forehand, and uses the same racket as her model, Russian court princess Maria Sharapova. She knows she'll have to work on her footwork, volley and serving. When she's not running around on a tennis court, she's surfing the Net or texting her friends. And of course she and her younger sister like the distinctive tennis outfits.

That younger sister is soft-spoken Clarice who is a petite 5'. But looks are deceptive. "Power-hitter *yan*," mom Cindy says. "*Wala yang mahinang bola* (none of her shots are soft)." Her perfectionist streak has given her a flashpoint temper, but Cindy says Clarice is learning to tone it down. The musically-inclined Clarice also swims, savors singing and dancing, and lists pop rocker Avril Lavigne as her favorite. Her tennis model is slim Daniela Hantuchova.

The three Patrimonio kids apparently carry the genes of their superstar athlete of a father, as well as his competitive nature. But Cindy quickly keeps them grounded. "They'll have to learn to handle bad calls and improve a lot. They aren't even halfway to where they can be."

Family challenge

Understandably, Alvin speaks of his children's game with a burst of paternal pride. "It's a family challenge. It's inspiring that, at such a young age, they're already dedicated. It's good that they have dreams of being the best."

The love for competition is deeply ingrained in this close-knit family. Even board game battles can get very heated. Karaoke sessions can become serious. Alvin and Cindy used to play golf with no quarter asked or given. But they also know how to ease off and relax with their seven chihuahuas, a labrador, a german shepherd, a huskie and a shih tzu. The family likes going off to the beach—Batangas, the Hundred Islands. But like any family with a gaggle of teenagers, there are rules. "Discipline is very important in raising a family," Alvin explains. He's "Judge Dredd," according to Cindy. And definitely, she adds, "When it comes to tennis, there's no goofing off."

Not that there's time for that in scenic Valencia, notes their mom. "In the morning, they train for two hours and later, they train for four." Right now, the three are home-schooled and train for an average of three hours daily.

For Alvin, who has to stay behind while his children move to New York and Spain, the training can be both "a sacrifice and a big adjustment," though he hopes to later join them in Spain. The ultimate goal is to mold the Patrimonio kids into top-caliber, international tennis players, good enough to join the Association of Tennis Professionals tours. "Joining the Grand Slam events is our dream and goal. Nobody has done that yet. We're focused on that," says Cindy. It would also give the Philippines a crossover tennis phenomenon it has not had since the heyday of Felix Barrientos.

Exciting prospects

Alvin also wishes for his kids the opportunity to suit up for Team Philippines: "I want them to experience that, because I experienced it," he says. "But they need to get better first."

All together now: Alvin, Cindy and the kids have a ball just hanging out or getting into the game (below)

While the kids themselves are excited about the prospects of turning pro, their parents are closely looking into their college education as well. "*Siyempre* as parents, we want them to finish their education," says Cindy. "Right now, (the priority) is tennis. But hopefully they'll get scholarships so college will be easier for them."

This is an expensive step forward for them, as funds for the training are coming out of the couple's savings. "In the States, if they see you're good, the sponsors support you," says Cindy. "That's something we hope for." The paucity of tournaments and competitions here is another reason the Patrimonios are looking elsewhere. "(Abroad), you can even pick which tournament you want to join."

If the trajectory of the ball leads somewhere else, it'll be all right. "If they decide they want to do something else, that's fine," Cindy explains. "But I don't see that happening considering that now, when they wake up if you say 'tennis,' they're ready to go right away."

Now it is a matter of looking forward to another set of courts across the oceans, of countless serves and lobs, of new crowds and trophies. The bar has been set so high that Captain Lionheart would have to teach his cubs how to roar. "Alvin told them that if you really love the sport, there's no such thing as burnout," Cindy says. "I mean, look at Alvin and basketball. Whatever Alvin has done, (these) guys must do even more."

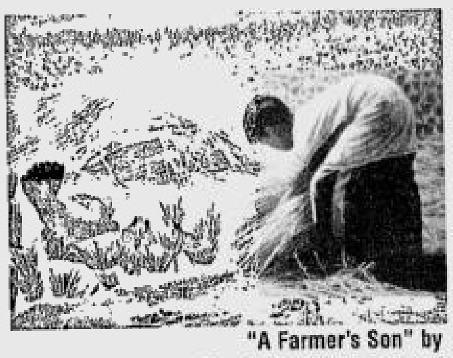
There was a time when Alvin could beat his children at tennis when they were just learning. But that time has passed, and Alvin Patrimonio can't be more pleased. "Comedy *ako sa* tennis, *mali-mali* (I make a lot of mistakes)," Alvin says with a laugh. "But the heart is there, always the biggest heart."

This Week

Art

Clouds of Swirling Arrows, an exhibit of oil paintings by Jay Ticar at Finale Makati, 4/F, LaO Centre, Pasay Road corner Makati Avenue, Makati City until Aug. 13. For details, call 815-1813.

Gallery Genesis presents the **22nd Kulay sa Tubig** Annual Invitational Watercolor Competition-Exhibition until Aug. 21 at the 4/L of SM Megamall. In conjunction with the competition, the Hall of Fame Artists (three-time winner in the competition) will also be on view. For details, call 633-8137.


"A Farmer's Son" by Marvin Rodriguez, part of the 22nd Kulay sa Tubig exhibit at SM Megamall

Banglos: From tragedy to creativity, an exhibit presenting the joint creative works of 30 Banglos artists who created sculpture pieces from the wooden debris that destroyed their barangay in General Nakar, Quezon last year along with the works of their mentor, Rey Paz Contreras and trainers Daambakal Sculptors, Aug. 11-28 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Pasilyo Carlos V. Francisco (Little Theater Lobby Wall). For details, call 832-3702.

A prestigious collection of **Pankha or Indian handfan crafts** is on exhibit at the East Wing Gallery, 4/L, Museum of the Filipino People, Rizal Park, Manila until Oct. 5. The exhibit is composed of some 300 fans from the collection of renowned Indian painter, sculptor and poet, Jatin Das.

In **All That Heaven Allows**, Lena Cobangbang recreates images of disaster using leftover food, arranges them artfully into miniature landscapes and then photographs them in a 20" x 30" format. Exhibit runs until Aug. 16 at Finale Art Gallery, Level 4, SM Megamall A. For details, call 634-2410.

Jay Ticar's "Dark Cloud Inside a Shady Room," on view at Finale Makati

Music

Concert at the Park presents **The Far Eastern University's Singing Bamboo** today at 5 p.m. at the Rizal Open-Air Auditorium. Under the direction of Vic Toledo, the world famous Pangkat Kawayan performs in an hour of best-loved Philippines music. Admission is free.

New Wave Nite @ Mayric's presents **Back to the Edge The 10th Anniversary** on Aug. 20 with Dream Kitchen, Sleepyheads, Dead Pop Stars, Mobster Manila, Camote Chunks, Names Are For Tombstones, Mang Temi's Canteen, Atom Flot, Caffeine and many more. The first 20 persons before 9 p.m. gets in for free and the first 15 to pay at the gates after 9 p.m. get some freebies.

The band **9th Avenue** will hold its **Album Launch Concert Party** at Eastwood Fuente Circle (fountain area) on Aug. 12 at 8 p.m. The band will be doing some originals which are included in their debut album and a lot of covers. Watch out for the Michael Jackson medley and the movie themes medley and a lot of new R&B dance tunes.

Cinema

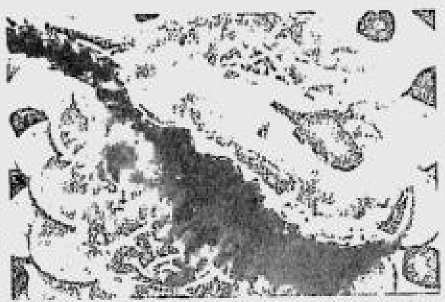
The **UP Film Institute** bares forthcoming big-screen attractions for August: "The Stepford Wives" (Aug. 9, 5 p.m.); "Collateral" (Aug. 11, 5 p.m.); "The Bunnyguards (Erkan & Stefan)" (Aug. 12, 5 p.m.); "A Very Long Engagement" (Aug. 16. 5 p.m.); "Tatlo, Dalawa, Isa" (Aug. 17, 2 and 5 p.m.); "Open Water" (Aug. 17, 7 p.m.); "Dillman" (Aug. 18, 5 p.m.); "Shaolin Soccer" (Aug. 23, 5 p.m.); "*Minsan Pa*" (Aug. 24, 5 p.m.); "The Manchurian Candidate" (Aug. 25, 5 p.m.); "The Iron Ladies" (Aug. 26, 5 p.m.); "Assault on Precinct 13" (Aug. 31, 5 p.m.); "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (Aug. 31, 7 p.m.). For particulars and possible added screenings, call 926-3640 (direct line) or 926-2722 (telefax).

Food

Mandarin Oriental Manila presents **Live Seafood Bounty** from Aug. 15 to 28 at Tin Hau. Savor the tastes of the day's freshest catch, from red and coconut crabs, live tiger and pink groupers, to green and red lobsters, and many more in exquisite culinary creations by Tin Hau's master chefs. Seafood specialties can be enjoyed in a special a la carte menu. For reservations, call 750-8888 ext. 2422.

For the whole month of August, discover the unique aphrodisiacal and culinary potential of **oysters at Red of Makati Shangri-La**. Order a dozen of oysters or half a dozen of oysters, which you can enjoy with a glass of champagne, or a bottle of champagne in the luxurious ambience of the restaurant. For inquiries, call 813-8888 ext. 7588.

The New World Renaissance Hotel's Coffee Shop features the well-loved cuisine of España in *Muy Bien*, a Spanish Food Festival from Aug. 15 to 31 included in the restaurant's lunch and dinner buffets. Sample favorite dishes such as Sopa de Mariscos, Gambas al Ajilo, Paella Marinara, Gaspacho, assorted Tapas, special Jamon Serrano, among other delicioso dishes. For reservations, call 811-6888 ext. 3318.


Enjoy the Stir-fried Maine Lobster on E-fu Noodles at the Mandarin Oriental Manila's Tin Hau

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The Big Binondo Food Bowl. Join guide Ivan ManDy as he horses around and takes visitors to discover the culinary and historical delights of Manila's Chinatown on Aug. 13 and 27. Meet inside the Binondo Church at 1 p.m. Slots limited. For dates, rates and pics, log on to www.oldmanilawalks.com. Text 0917-3291622 or email oldmanilawalks@gmail.com for details.

Sinag Arts Foundation invites actors, dancers, directors and other performing artists, teachers and students of related areas of interest to join **Unraveling Noh: A Lecture-Demonstration Workshop** on Aug. 13, 20, 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. Noh is a classical Japanese stage art which combines elements of dance, drama, music and poetry into one highly aesthetic performance. Its main actor (shite) wears a mask to create a variety of expressions in the viewer's mind. The workshop will be facilitated by Japanese Master of Noh, Naohiko Umewaka. Learn the walk, the movement patterns of the dance (Shimai), and the music Chanting (Utai). Workshop fee is P500 for three sessions. For inquiries and reservation, call Sinag Arts Foundation (664 San Ignacio St., Brgy. Plainview, Mandaluyong City) at 531-3491.

Corban Daycare and Tutorial Center is slating a new series of **Easy English seminars** every Saturday and/or Sunday, starting on Aug. 20 and 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. The course is for students, housewives and professionals. This is a comprehensive package of conversation, grammar and writing. Corban Learning Center is located at G/F, MB Aguirre Building, President's Avenue cor. Elizalde St., Sucat, Parañaque. For inquiries, call 842-6665 and 809-3050.

Basic Poetry Writing. A seminar-workshop on classical, haiku and free verse writing to be held on Aug. 20 at the Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo, Quezon City. For details, call 285-2449.

The Tale of Juliet, a new book from Jhet Torcelino-van Ruyven, is now available in all branches of National Bookstore and Powerbooks. The book is a compelling story of one Filipina's rise from poverty to prosperity. With the riveting story as backdrop, are countless nuggets of wisdom, which will help people from all walks of life to positively transform their existence.

Starting Your Own Preschool Child Care Services (Business Orientation) seminar will be held on Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ACCM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. Limited seats. Fee includes snacks, certificate and course manual. For reservations, call 829-5711.

All amateur and professional writers have until Aug. 31 to apply for a grant of P250,000 each under the **2005 Writers' Prize** of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. As part of its continuing program to develop Philippine literature, the NCCA is accepting applications from interested writers for this biennial grant. It is open to all amateur or professional Filipino writers of legal age. Applications may be made in the following categories: novel, essay, short story (including children's stories), poetry and translation. All categories are open to English and all Philippine languages. Applicants are allowed to apply only in one category. For details, contact Frances Alincastre at 527-2192 to 98 or visit www.ncca.gov.ph.

The **Japanese Language Proficiency Test** will be held on Dec. 4 and will commence simultaneously at 9 a.m. in three different venues: De La Salle University, Taft, Avenue, Manila; Philippine Nikkei-jin Kai School of Davao, Mamay Road, Lanang, Davao City, and at the University of San Carlos, P. del Rosario St., Cebu City. The test comprises four levels based on proficiency and covers writing-vocabulary, listening and reading-grammar. Examinees should be careful in choosing the level which best corresponds to their Japanese-language proficiency-ability and classroom training. Application forms are now available at the Japan Foundation in Manila (tel. 811-6155 to 58), Philippine Nikkei-jin Kai School of Davao (tel. 235-2971/233-0013) and Japanese Association Cebu, Inc. 5/F Clotilde Commercial Center, M.L. Quezon St., Casuntingan, Mandaue City (tel. 343-7662). Examination fees are to be paid upon submission of duly accomplished forms with 2 prescribed photos in the respective localities from Aug. 16 to Sept. 7 (10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.).

Tanghalang Pilipino will have **auditions** for the new dynamic staging of Bien Lumbera and Ryan Cayabyab's musical, **Noli Me Tangere**. Auditions will be on Aug. 19, 6 to 10 p.m. and Aug. 20, 2 to 5 p.m. at the Bulwagang Amado Hernandez, ground floor, CCP Main Building. Registration is from Aug. 16 to 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To register, you may call the TP office at 832-3661 or 832-1125 locals 1620/1621, or visit the 2/F of the Production Design Center Building, CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. TP is looking for strong singer-actors, 18 years old and above. Applicants should bring their comprehensive resumé with a 2x2 picture (or bigger) and must prepare to sing one fast song and one slow song, either in Filipino or English, accompanied by a properly-cued minus one tape, a music piece or CD. Those who will not be available for the production schedule (last week of August to the first week of December) need not apply.

The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation is organizing a **hands-on digital photography course** starting Aug. 20 to be held in Makati City. The four Saturday course covers digital camera functions, correct exposure, flash in low light and bright light, digital file formats, pixel damage, and preparing images for print, presentations and Web transmission. For inquiries, call Lerma Aquino at 813-7420.

X-manila

Spend a weekend of learning how to read and interpret your own dreams and even those of others through the understanding of symbols and archetypes with the country's foremost dream counselor, Lucito de Jesus, through the **Dreamwork & Our Life Journey Seminar**. To be held from Sept. 9-11 at the Forest Club in Bay, Laguna. Interested participants may call Wawel Mercado at 0917-8312583 or 638-1741.

Vipassana (literally, "seeing things as they really are") is a simple and systematic method of quieting and sharpening the mind through direct self-observation. This enables one to face the tensions and problems of daily life in a calm, peaceful and balanced way. To be held at Sico Farm, Dasmariñas, Cavite on Oct. 19-30. For inquiries, call 823-1418, 632-6506 or e-mail vipassana_rp@yahoo.com.

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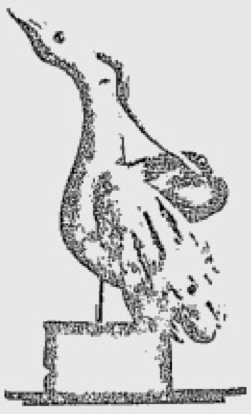
Annely Padua's "Peking Duck," part of the Banglos exhibit at the CCP

Pinoy Nga!

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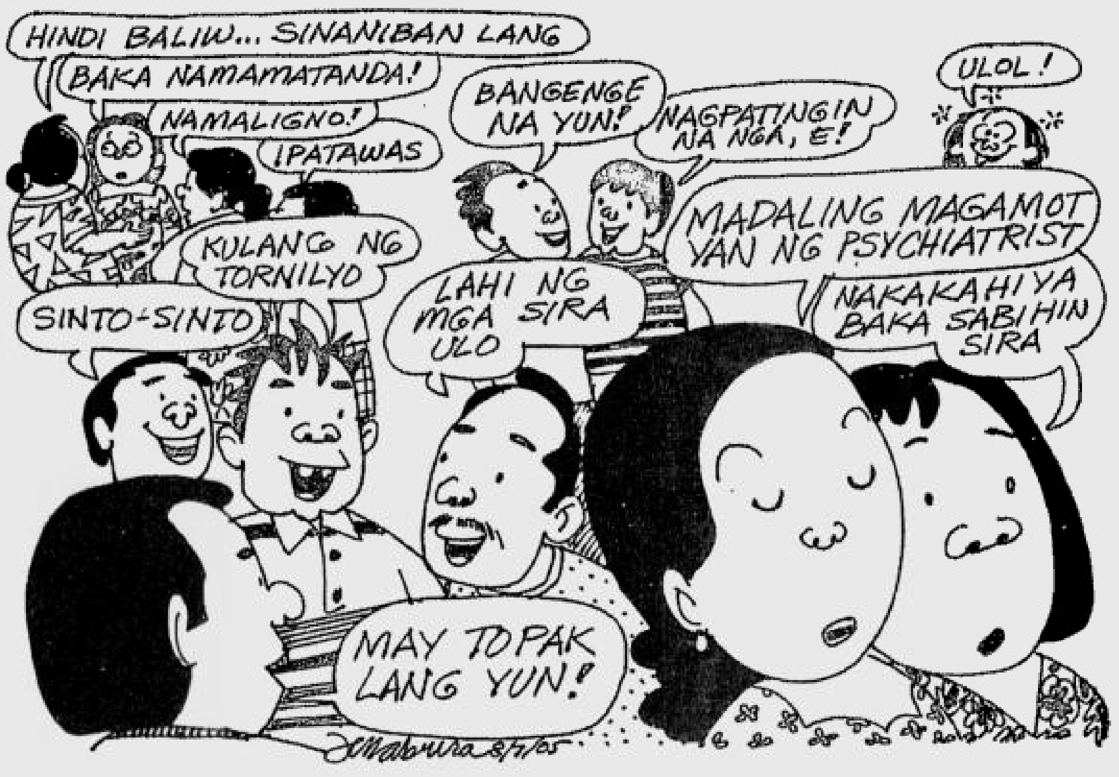

She Makes

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Becoming a widow in 1977 has afforded her more time for her projects. She became executive director of Paghiliusa sa Paghidaet-Negros (Unity for Peace-Negros). When the Left split in the early 1990s, she was among those in the National Unification Committee (NUC) who questioned the agreement between the government and the rebels as a "done deal" when talks with the National Democratic Front were still in progress.

In recent years, the same brand of advocacy enabled her group to persuade the Philippine Senate to limit the space allotted for the Philippine National Oil Company's (PNOC) geothermal power plant to 169 hectares from the originally proposed 1,200 hectares inside the Mt. Kanlaon protected area. A bigger space would have meant more centuries-old trees cut down for the geothermal plant. Their advocacy work later resulted in the establishment of a monitoring mechanism to check against the further destruction of forest resources and the improper disposal of effluents from the power plant. Negotiations are then conducted for the PNOC to correct emerging problems.

"It's an irony that in our pursuit of sustainable development, the government is always an opponent," notes Locsin.

This former teacher in the social work department of the University of Negros Occidental-Recolletos (UNO-R) has also inspired her students, among them Marilez Gadudo. Recalls Marilez: "Ma'am Duds would take us around urban poor areas where we would walk near or under the *banggerahan* (native sink) of the houses. Sometimes, we'd get doused with dirty water by unknowing residents who happen to be washing their dishes as we pass by." Duds, adds her student, was actually teaching them the essence of social work, and that is going to where the people are to be able to grasp the real situation.

A former colleague also remembers Locsin well. Says Nelia Pahila, supervisor of the Healthy Start project that works with high-risk expectant mothers and children belonging to families with a history of drugs, alcohol and physical abuse: "I was an abusive mother to my third child because I got pregnant at the time when I desperately wanted to work. My husband was a mechanic who did not earn regularly. I did everything to abort the baby. But they say that babies who feel they are being aborted develop the urge to cling stronger in order to survive. When I joined Healthy Start, I learned that I had the responsibility to give my child a healthy mental, spiritual and physical upbringing. Parents should have a hand in making their children happy and productive citizens when they become adults."

But it is in peacemaking where Locsin's heart really belongs. She has been credited with bringing peace to Negros, known a decade ago as a social volcano. It started when she and her colleagues in the peace movement succeeded in helping establish peace zones in the southern town of Candoni. The Aquino administration's all-out war against the communists in the 1980s squarely put the townsfolk in the middle of the war between the military and the rebel New People's Army. Because of Oplan Thunderbolt, thousands of rural families were forced to leave their homes in the mountains to avoid getting caught in the crossfire. They left their farms and animals and went sick and hungry in evacuation centers in the lowlands.

"We organized these people and helped them develop strategies to confront their leaders," says Locsin. Their efforts paid off. Just recently, the Candoni people sent to jail their mayor, vice mayor and some barangay captains—all belonging to one family—for perpetrating illegal logging activities in the town's forest areas under the protection of a breakaway rebel group.

Locsin strongly believes that sharing resources is a key to peace-building. "If people shared with each other the resources of the earth such that everyone's needs are fulfilled and they are free to be what they want to be, and nobody wields control over them, people would have no need to arm themselves."

Such principle has earned her the respect even of the militant Left. During the Oust-Estrada Movement four years ago, groups of opposing political groups were asked to come together for a show of force. The Rightists, who helped raise the funds for the mobilization, said they would come, but only if those from the Left were to refrain from hanging their banners outside the venue.

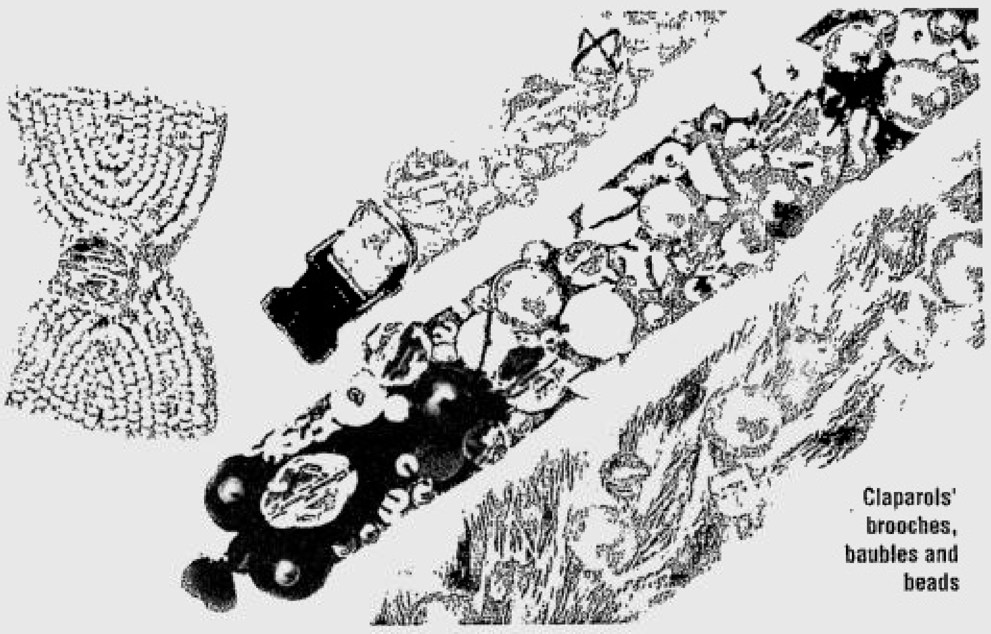
"I relayed the message and the Leftists obeyed," says Locsin, sounding like she herself wondered how it happened.

But people who know her, like her colleagues in the group Developing Alternatives for Women in Negros (DAWN), are hardly surprised. More than pluck, Locsin they say, has the patience to see things through.

Women's Feature Service

by Joy Rojas
photographs by Erik Arazas

This Marcos Loyalist Switches from Imeldific to Ukay-Ukay for Inspiration



Claparols' brooches, baubles and beads

ITTLE has changed since fashion designer Louis Claparols finished high school with the battlecry "Marcos *pa rin*!" written on his yearbook page. Claparols, whose grandfather was a mayor for 20 years under the late President Marcos' political party *Kilusang Bagong Lipunan* (KBL), is a die-hard fan—or should we say Loyalist—of former First Lady Imelda Marcos, and he's got the goods to prove it.

His beaded tank tops and boleros served as ultimate homage to the woman he has admired from afar for many years. But these days, fashion designer Louis Claparols is ready to close the chapter on his Imeldific apparel as he emphasizes cut over the dazzling details he's been known for

His impressive memorabilia include authentic autographed pictures, some of them bought on e-Bay and one found lying on a Malate street, which the designer and his friends just happened to be crossing. Among his rarer collectibles is his Town & Country issue with Imelda on the cover (dated September 1972) and a well-preserved copy of her book, the intriguing "Circles of Life." But a recent gift from a friend purchased from an antique shop made him faint: a delicate cameo of the former First Lady. "*Baka lusubin ako ng mga* curator (The curators might seek me out)!" he exclaims.

His Treasures

Claparols' truest treasures, however, are his string of unforgettable Imelda encounters. Though too young to remember the times she dropped by their house for a visit, the designer recalls with great detail the occasions when he and the Imeldific were within breathing space of each other. One was when the two attended a fashion event at the Glorietta in Makati. Sidling up next to her for a shot, the tall and soft-spoken designer asked, "Ma'am, is it okay if I use your image in my clothes?"

To which Mrs. Marcos laughed: "Ha, ha ha! *Mga bata talaga ngayon* (Oh, you kids!)."

But the designer was serious. For the past two years, Claparols has been making a name—and a killing, no doubt—with his line of Imelda-emblazoned apparel. It's his ultimate homage to the woman he promised to honor in his work "once I make it in the industry." Initially appearing on his colorful cotton tank tops, the First Lady's face has since been silkscreened and airbrushed onto T-shirts, jackets and bags. Handmade details, by way of busy beadwork, colorful sequins and dazzling stones, elevate Claparols' works to art. He certainly treats them that way. "I hate going to a party and seeing people wearing the same thing," says the designer who rarely repeats his creations and doesn't embellish a piece the same way twice.

As such, his clothes are a fashionista's dream. L'Oreal Philippines' Leica Carpo pronounced his tees a must-give gift to party friends in Metro magazine's November 2003 issue. And Ramona Diaz, the Fil-Am filmmaker of the controversial documentary Imelda, wore Claparols' tank top and bolero to her film's New York premiere.

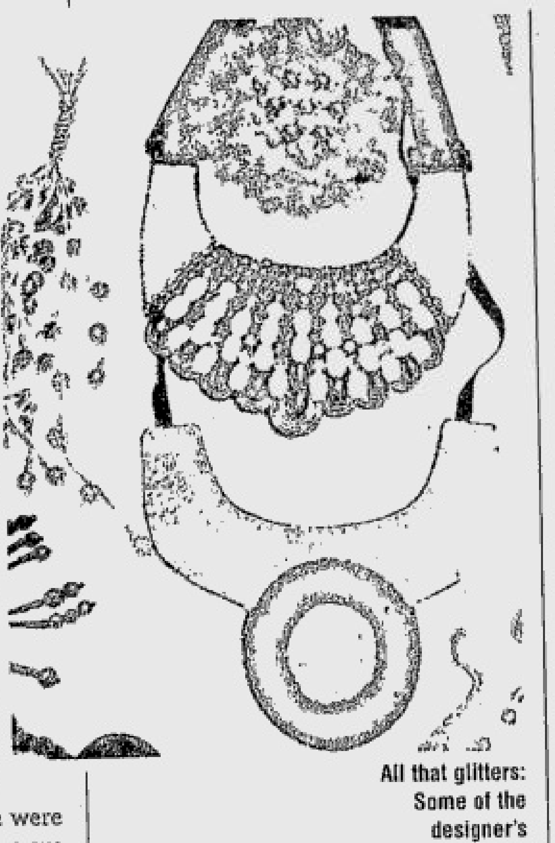
Asked why his wares sold so well, Claparols quotes a line on the show window of international shoe designer Jimmy Choo. "There's a little of Imelda Marcos in all of us."

Lately, however, there's been a lot of Imelda going around. Told that imitations of his tanks and tees have been selling for half the price, Claparols saw it as a sign to end his homage to the First Lady. For now, there is one last collection to complete; thereafter, his goal is to try new things, to show what else he's capable of.

No problem

Now that's something that Claparols has never had a problem with. A native of Iloilo, the eldest son of a businessman learned his fashion chops from his mom, a stylish woman with an impeccable eye for color, fabric and design. "Whether we were going to church or a party, she always made sure we dressed well," says Claparols of his mother now based in the States. "Once when we went shopping, I remember crying because she would take hours inside the store."

In his teens, Claparols was not only known for his tasteful sense of style, but for his ability to illustrate it as well. Classmates tapped him to sketch their prom dresses; an officemate of his stepmother approached him to design their casual Fridays uniform.



All that glitters: Some of the designer's works

After college in 1997, a restless Claparols managed to convince his protective father to allow him to explore life in Manila. "To quote 'Beauty and the Beast,'" he quips, "I want much more than this provincial life." Friends, however, gave Claparols, who embarked on "The Great Escape" with two other Ilonggo pals, six months to come to his senses, and for a while, it looked like they were right. "It was my first time on my own and I had to take care of my food and laundry," laughs the designer who lived in a boarding house on Pedro Gil. "When I ran out of money, I called my dad."

Originally intending to sell cars, Claparols found work instead in a host of retail outlets: Emporio Armani, Warner Bros., Hugo Boss, Wish, Manolo Blahnik, and Paul Smith. Although he continued to design on the side, making it to the semi-finals of 1999's Philippine Fashion Design Competition, he would come to be known in Philippine fashion through his beading of jeans, a trademark he established long before others embraced the trend. Preview liked what it saw and featured his works in six splashy pages of its magazine. That exposure prompted other creations (beaded tees and simple feminine dresses) as well as opportunities. His muse, Celine Gabriel, brought his works to the attention of hip boutique Souk. Today, Claparols' wares are also available in Store For All Seasons, Firma and Felicity.

But it's a fifth shop opening on August 22 that Claparols is excited about. Named after his French poodle and located in his Agoncillo Street apartment in Malate, Manila, Marni's Room will carry vintage clothes, shoes and bags, interesting *ukay-ukay* (second hand) finds, pieces by upcoming designers, and the designer's latest works—among them, elaborately embellished bibs and brooches, and for dog lovers like him, fully beaded collars and clips.

Most at home

Fashion-wise, Claparols, now 31 and a member of the Young Designers Group, appears to be mellowing. Once a flashy and fastidious dresser, he now feels most at home in T-shirts, tattered jeans and flip-flops. "Even my friends from Iloilo have commented at how laid-back I've become," he says.

Meanwhile, his fiercest followers can expect their favorite designer to emphasize interesting cuts over the expected embellishments and Imelda-inspired creations. And speaking of Imelda, how would he dress her if he had the chance? Claparols, who has been asked that question before, remains at a loss for words, overwhelmed perhaps at the idea of making over someone whom he has described many times in the past as "a goddess, an icon."

He ponders the question and finally says, "Maybe not a terno, something modern and sophisticated, like a black tuxedo. I really wouldn't know."

Once thing's for sure though: When that day comes, it's going to be another priceless moment for him. ◘